

# Prioritize Your Needs and Wants

To prioritize, write down your wish list (you can create a spreadsheet or just use a piece of paper). To the right of each feature, make three columns: Must Have, Would Like, Could Add Later. Then, go down the list and mark the appropriate column for each item. The following table shows what such a list might look like. Yours will look different, of course, to reflect your own wish list and priorities.

Feature	Must have	Would like	Could add later
Single-family home	X		
Colonial style		X	
Brand-new		X	
Less than 10 years old	X		
Two stories	X		
Three bedrooms	X		
Four bedrooms		X	
Two-and-a-half bathrooms	X		
Eat-in kitchen		X	
Formal dining room		X	
Home office	X		
Fireplace		X	
First-floor laundry room	X		
Deck			X
Forced-hot air natural gas heating	X		
Central air			X
Hardwood floors		X	
Two-car garage	X		
Walking distance to playground		X	
In a particular school district	X		