

PREPARING FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP



UNDERSTAND YOUR CREDIT

- Your credit can affect where you live, what types of loans you're eligible for, how much money you can borrow, and the interest rate you will pay.
- To view your free annual credit report from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus (Experian, TransUnion and Equifax), visit AnnualCreditReport.com.

SAVE FOR A DOWN PAYMENT

- FHA Loan – Starting at 3.5% down.
- VA Loan – Starting at 0% down. For qualified active-duty, retired and reservist military members (and some surviving spouses).
- USDA Loan – Starting at 0% down. For rural and suburban home buyers.
- Conventional Loan – Starting at 3% down.

TIPS FOR SAVING:

- Create a monthly budget.
- Ask for it! Many loan programs do allow gift funds. Contact me to learn more about gift fund guidelines.
- Cut your rent payment by adding a roommate to split costs or moving.
- Set aside extra income such as tax returns, gift money and bonuses.
- Shop around for insurance, utilities and cell phone plans.

DETERMINE YOUR HOME'S "MUST HAVES" & DEALBREAKERS

UTILIZE A LOCAL LENDER WHO CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED ON THE MARKET

KNOW THE DOS AND DON'TS OF THE MORTGAGE PROCESS

DO NOT:

- Quit your job or get another job unless it is the same line of work and for equal or more money.
- Allow anyone to make an inquiry on your credit report.
- Make any major purchases such as furniture, cars, real estate, etc.
- Co-sign for anyone else on any type of loan.
- Apply for credit, take on additional debt or complete any other credit application.
- Close any existing credit accounts on your credit report.
- Charge additional debt on any existing credit account that you have.
- Start any home improvements that are not a condition of your loan.

DO:

- Keep all existing accounts current, such as mortgages, car payments, and credit cards.
- Make all payments on time.
- Keep copies of all paycheck stubs, bank account or asset statements, along with any statements for bills being paid off through this loan.

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