



# PRE-HOUSE HUNTING CHECKLIST



## GET FINANCIALLY FIT

- Consistently save for your home
- Work on your credit score
- Determine how much house you can realistically afford



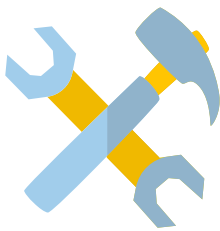
## BUILD A STRONG REAL ESTATE TEAM

- Shop around before committing to a lender
- Find a realtor who is on top of their game (and a good fit)
- Find a highly recommended property inspector



## GET A FULL PRE-APPROVAL

- Prepare paperwork and complete a loan application
- Talk to your lender about buying down your rate



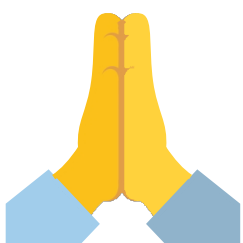
## EVALUATE YOUR ABILITY TO RENOVATE AND MAINTAIN

- Compare the benefits of a turn-key home or fixer upper
- Determine what home and yard maintenance you can handle



## DETERMINE YOUR PRIORITIES AND DEAL BREAKERS

- Dream up what you want (and what you don't!)
- Study cities and neighborhoods in-depth



## TAKE A DEEP BREATH

- Focus on the benefits of homeownership
- Mentally prepare for unexpected surprises

