



# New-Home Buying Checklist

We know buying a new-home can be an exciting, and sometimes overwhelming, process. That's why we created this guide—to help ease any worries you may have as you begin your search. Here are a few things to think about as you get started on your home buying journey.

## Step 1: Getting Started

- Make Your Wish List**  
What are the things you love about your current home? What have you always wanted to change? If you're in the market for your first home, what are your must-haves? Think about how many rooms you'd like, large gathering spaces you'd enjoy, or the size of your kitchen. Include a little [flex space](#) to make your own home gym or game room and consider special areas for your furry friends!
- Get Your Finances in Order**  
What's your budget? What are you pre-qualified for? How do you get pre-qualified? Here is [a list of financial considerations](#) you may not be thinking of when buying a new-home.
- Consider Teaming Up with a Real Estate Professional**  
Buying a new-home is more than just doing an online search—it's about knowing an area and understanding the process. Real estate professionals can offer organized, professional guidance that ultimately means less stress for you.
- Determine When You Need to Move**  
Whether you want to choose a specific lot and build your new-home from the ground up, or need a new-home that's ready to move into quickly – you have options. Here's a look at Sterling on the Lake's [quick move-in homes](#).

## Step 2: Do Your Research

- Consider New vs. Resale**  
New-Homes offer the latest technology and energy-efficient options, and having a home built to the most current standards is important. There are so many reasons to [consider buying new](#).
- Check Out Home Options Online**  
Search [homebuilders, floorplans and options](#) online to get a feel for what is available. Sterling on the Lake's [Homefinder](#) is the perfect tool to help your search.
- Consider the HOA**  
It's important to understand the benefits of living in an HOA community, and what these fees include. Not all community HOAs are created equal—and at Sterling on the Lake, our lake lifestyle offers more than most. Surrounding your beautiful new-home, you'll enjoy incredible, resort-style amenities, open green spaces, exciting community events, and a tight-knit community feeling you won't find anywhere else. [Learn more about it here](#).

## Step 3: Now The Fun Part: Explore In Person

- Scope Out Locations**  
Consider conveniences you can't live without. (Think: access to major highways and nearby shopping, dining, entertainment, etc.) Sterling on the Lake's [location](#), just 40 miles north of Atlanta, makes it the perfect place to call home.
- Check Out the Amenities**  
Inside the popular Lakeside Clubhouse, you'll find gathering spaces, a movie theater, a fitness center, and great views of the community. Outside, enjoy resort-style pools, tennis courts, walking trails, and so much more! There is so much to experience and explore—and the best way to see it all is to [be our guest](#) for a day.



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