

# 10 Tips For Buying a Home in Chicago

If you're looking to buy a home in Chicago, here are the pieces of advice you need to know before you begin your search.



- ☐ Get pre-approved by a mortgage lender
- ☐ Put aside more money than you expect for a down payment and closing costs
- ☐ Strengthen your credit score so you get the absolute best rate
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with your target neighborhood's market
- ☐ Attend open houses in your target neighborhood(s)
- ☐ Determine what your absolute deal breakers are
- ☐ Think of what criteria you can be flexible on
- ☐ Know your timeline for buying
- ☐ Determine scenarios if you find a place earlier or later than expected
- ☐ Sit down with a licensed realtor and begin the search!