

# 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!

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