

## Where do I want to live? Planning Worksheet

Think about where you want to live. Now? In then years? It is important to consider many things when you decide where you want to live. Do you want to live near your job? Near your family? Is transportation nearby? How much will it cost? Who pays for repairs or utilities?

There are several options. You may rent an apartment or house. You may own a condominium or house. You may have roommates. What you are responsible for will be different in each of those situations.

The chart below is an example of what you may be responsible for. These are only examples. Be sure and ask these questions when you rent an apartment or house or own a condominium.

	<b>Rent</b>	<b>Buy a Condominium</b>	<b>Buy a House</b>
<b>Mortgage</b>	Landlord pays and you pay the landlord a monthly rental fee	You pay	You pay
<b>Emergency Repairs</b>	Landlord pays	Condo fee covers outside; you may pay for interiors	Do yourself or you pay
<b>Regular Maintenance and Repairs</b>	Landlord pays; residents pay for damages	Condo fee covers	Do yourself or you pay
<b>Lawn Care</b>	Usually landlord pays	Condo fee covers	Do yourself or you pay
<b>Snow Removal</b>	Usually landlord pays	Condo fee covers	Do yourself or you pay
<b>Property Insurance</b>	Landlord pays	Condo fee covers	You pay
<b>Property Taxes</b>	Landlord pays	You pay part and Condo fee covers part	You pay
<b>Water</b>	Usually landlord pays	You pay or sometimes Condo fee covers	You pay
<b>Heat/Gas</b>	Sometimes landlord pays and sometimes you pay	You pay or sometimes Condo fee covers	You pay
<b>Phone</b>	You pay	You pay	You pay
<b>Cable TV</b>	Sometimes landlord pays and sometimes you pay	You pay or sometimes Condo fee covers	You pay
<b>Electricity</b>	You pay	You pay or sometimes Condo fee covers	You pay

There are many things to think about. Sometimes what you want in the future is not the same as what you can afford now. You may want to own a house, but live in a apartment now to save money for a house later.

Read the following statements. Check what you can afford and write what you want and what you need to learn more about.

Housing Question	What I Want	What I Need To Learn
<p><b><i>I will live:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At home</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In an apartment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In a condo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In a home</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b><i>I will:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not need supports</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Need supports</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Need accessible housing</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b><i>I would like to live:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Near my family</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Away from home</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In another city</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b><i>I can make my meals:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> With assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Without assistance</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b><i>I have money to:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pay rent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pay the mortgage</p> <p><b><i>I can pay:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$500 per month</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$501 - \$700 per month</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$701 - \$1,000 per month</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000 per month</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b><i>If I rent, I will ask about the:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lease</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Length of the lease</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning deposit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Security deposit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit if I want a pet</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>



Housing Question	What I Want	What I Need To Learn
<p><b><i>I want a place that has:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A laundry facility</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hook-ups for a washer and dryer I supply</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No facility or hook-ups. I will go elsewhere to do laundry</p>		
<p><b><i>I want to have a pet:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b><i>I can care for my pet(s) with:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Help from someone else</p>		
<p><b><i>I want/need:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Own transportation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Be near public transportation</p>		
<p><b><i>I want to be close to:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grocery store</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> School</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Place of worship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>		
<p><b><i>I will be responsible for:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mowing/watering lawn</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Raking leaves</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shoveling snow</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning yard</p> <p><b><i>I can do this:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Without assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> With assistance</p>		
<p><b><i>This is important to me:</i></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>		