

Finding the Right Home: Efficiency Tools and Tips

Searching for a new home can be daunting. There are so many options to consider: price range, community, proximity to work, school district, etc. The goal is to set your search criteria and let the site do the heavy work for you. The site has some very helpful tools to help you prioritize and focus: My Portfolio, New Listing Alerts, New Photo Alerts, and My Portfolio Alerts.

As you sift through properties from your search, click Add to My Portfolio to place properties worthy of a second look into My Portfolio. This is the first step in prioritizing. At a later time you can go back to My Portfolio and remove your least favorite properties.

Once you review online properties in My Portfolio, the next efficient step is driving by the properties you're interested in so you can eliminate many based on community, exterior condition, or appeal that is not right for you. You should drive by properties before you request a home tour with your sales professional.

You can find a map on the property details. Driving by the property acquaints you with the home's curb appeal and its exterior condition. You can also survey the community and assess the property's proximity to work, schools, shopping, etc. This valuable knowledge will guide you in focusing your search.

Learn more about the smarter way to buy or sell using alerts.