



Robin Talks Real Estate

New Year's Resolutions for Buying a Home in 2007

Another year is coming to a close. It's that time of year when the world seems fresh and new, and full of opportunities for a fresh start.

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If you're planning on a real estate purchase in 2007, there are a few things you need to do. So, let's make some New Year's Resolutions...

1. Check your credit report and make any necessary corrections. It can take time for corrections to show up, so make sure you get a letter from the credit bureau verifying your pending changes.
2. Get your finances in order. Pay off debt, don't apply for any new credit and don't make any unnecessary purchases.
3. Start checking out real estate web sites. Many have a lot more than just listings. They can be a valuable resource tool.
4. Find a Realtor you like and trust. Talk to friends, family and co-workers for references. You and your Realtor will be working closely together, so you will need to be comfortable.
5. If you have a home to sell, too, clean house-literally! Take advantage of those blustery Nebraska snow days. It's never too soon to clear out the clutter and streamline your home. It will make it easier to show to buyers and easier for you to move.

I know this doesn't sound like much fun, but, when you pop the cork on the champagne bottle this New Year's Eve, imagine doing the same thing on your first night in your new home.

Remember, when you invest in real estate, you're investing in your future.

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