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Get a pre-approval letter from a local lender. The key word here is local. For a list of recommended lenders, shoot us an email at essamteam@shorewest.com.



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Establish your price range. Your lender will help you see what your monthly payment of principal, interest, taxes and possible mortgage interest will look like for different price ranges.



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Make your wish and need list. Some qualities like location or bedroom count will be requirements. Others, like finished recreation room or attached garage may be compromised for the right home.



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Interview your realtor. Every buyer should consider who they have representing them in the transaction. Download our free resource, "Buyer Agency in Wisconsin" for more details.



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Set up your searches. Make sure you're getting the most up to date listing information from your realtor and start evaluating options online.



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Plan a tour. Start to get an understanding of what homes are available. Make sure your realtor is sharing information about property taxes and assessments, potential repairs and resale values.



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Continue to evaluate your position. Often times buyers will adjust their budgets or expectations during a home search. Make sure your lines of communication with your realtor are open and honest.