

Home Buying Process Overview

Time	Buyer Activity	Seller Activity
	Choose a REALTOR Sign agency disclosure	Choose a REALTOR Sign agency disclosure Sign a listing agreement
Pre-Contract	 Optional Activities Contact a lender/loan broker for pre-qualification or pre-approval Identify source of down payment and closing cost 	 Optional Activities Order preliminary report, disclosures reports Complete TDS, lead and other disclosures Get termite inspection Get house pre-inspection
Acceptance	 Sign offer, any counter offers Give deposit to Broker 	 Sign Acceptance, any counter offers
After Acceptance		 Order seller-paid reports or inspections Order prelim (if not done at time of listing or if title company changes)
3 Days	Give deposit to escrow	 If buyer does not perform, seller can give notice If applicable, order HOA disclosures
7 Days	 Give pre-qualification or pre-approval letter Verify down payment and closing cost, and, if all cash, sufficient funds to close 	 If buyer does not perform, seller can give notice If applicable, disclose if condo or planned development Deliver seller disclosures, reports and inspections (TDS, Natural Hazards, Preliminary Report, Seller-paid reports, etc.)
7-17 Days	Conduct inspections, review reports, request repairs, etc.	
17 Days	 In writing, remove contingencies or cancel Return signed disclosures 	 If buyer does not perform, seller can give notice or allow contingency to continue If buyer does not, seller can give notice to perform
As Soon As Possible		Deliver HOA disclosures
1-5 Days After Delivery	Review HOA disclosures	
5 Days After Delivery	In writing, remove contingencies for common interest disclosures or cancel	 If buyer does not perform, seller can give notice
5 Days BEFORE Close of Escrow	 Verify condition of property 	 Deliver deed Escrow closes & you will receive the proceeds from the sale
Close of Escrow	 Pay remaining amount of purchase price to escrow Escrow closes & you receive title to your new home 	 If applicable, tenant occupied property to be vacant