Southwest Washington



Top 10 Things a Buyer Needs to Do Before Closing

1. Secure Final Loan Approval

Stay in close contact with your lender and avoid major financial changes or big purchases.

2. Review the Closing Disclosure

Carefully check the loan terms, closing costs, interest rate, and payment schedule.

3. Schedule & Attend a Final Walk-Through

 Inspect the property (usually within 24–48 hours of closing) to confirm it's in the agreed-upon condition and any repairs were completed.

4. Obtain Homeowners Insurance

o Provide proof of coverage to your lender before closing. Lenders won't fund the loan without it.

5. Set Up Utilities & Services

 Arrange for electricity, water, gas, trash, internet, and other services to be transferred into your name effective on move-in day.

6. Prepare Funds for Closing

o Get the exact dollar amount from escrow/title. Wire transfer or bring a cashier's check.

7. Verify Title & Closing Documents

 Review title commitment and escrow paperwork to confirm no outstanding liens, HOA issues, or title defects.

8. Confirm Repairs & Seller Deliverables

 Ensure receipts, warranties, permits, and agreed-upon personal property (like appliances) are accounted for.

9. Plan Your Move

Schedule movers, storage, or rental trucks in advance so the transition is smooth right after closing.

10. Stay Available & Responsive

Be ready for last-minute lender or escrow requests. Quick responses help avoid delays in closing!