



Timeline for First-Time Homebuyers

In today's competitive market, being prepared can be the difference between getting the house of your dreams and not. That's why we mapped out each phase of the home buying process to give you an idea of what to expect at each step.



1st Phase: Preparing to Become a Homebuyer

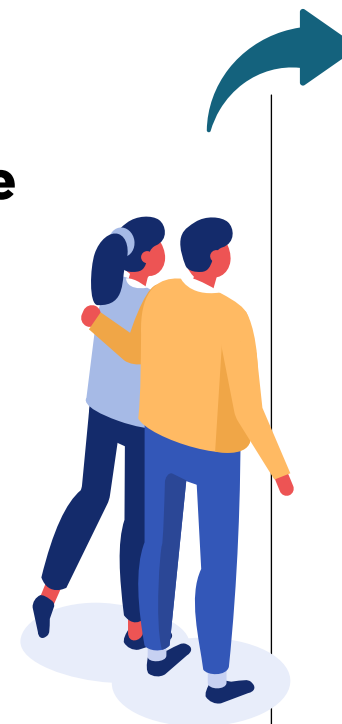
- **Do your research** (1-2 months)
- **Get pre-approved** (1-5 day)
- **Find a realtor** (1-2 weeks)

2nd Phase: Take Action

- **House hunt** (2 week to 6 months)
- **Make an offer** (3-5 days)
- **Get an appraisal** (1-2 weeks)
- **Conduct inspection** (1-3 weeks)
- **Close on your home** (30-45 days)

3rd Phase: Moving In

- **Schedule movers** (1 week)
- **Turn on utilities** (1-3 day)
- **Change locks** (1 week)
- **Move** (1 day to 4 weeks)



Keep in Mind



1st Phase:

If you're moving quickly, you may be ready in a month or two. If you're just browsing, need to improve your credit score or save for a down payment, it may take a year or more.



2nd Phase:

The length of time you will spend in this active phase of home buying depends on multiple factors. Since it's such a hot market everything is taking longer. Be patient.



3rd Phase:

Contact these services as quickly as possible to ensure they are available on your timeline. In today's market, you won't be the only person trying to schedule these appointments.

Home Sweet Home

As you can see, it takes time and preparation to purchase a home. The good news is you don't have to do it alone. Our team of mortgage loan experts are standing by to help you navigate each step of your home buying journey. Contact us today at **800-548-5465** to see why for more than 70 years the South Florida community has trusted us with their banking and lending needs.

We encourage you to read our full Homebuyer's Guide, which can be found on powerfi.org, for more information and helpful tips like these.