Buying a House – What's Included



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OPINION

hen you buy a house, what are you really buying? This is a good question

to ponder, whether you have experienced buying a house or not.

Let's answer the question. When you buy a house, you are buying "Real Estate" which consists of a collection of physical assets as well as the associated property rights. Typically, these include the lot or land, the structure or building, and all attached fixtures therein and thereon, plus the constitutionally protected rights associated with the ownership of Real Property.

A fixture is a feature that is permanent to a home.

For example, in the bathroom, a toilet is a fixture; an electric toothbrush is not. In the kitchen, a water filtration system is a fixture; a tabletop radio is not. Outside the home, expect fences and in-ground sprinklers to stay; hoses and garden tools to go.

What about custom window treatments, a unique dining room chandelier or a satellite dish on the roof? If you don't care one way or the other, expect that these are not permanent and be pleasantly surprised if they remain. If you do care and want them to remain, then make a list and include this in your sales agreement. Always include large items on your list, like a garden shed or a hot tub, even if already agreed to verbally.

Standard residential purchase forms often

contain language about fixtures. Typically, there's a section for buyers to list other items they want to include in the conveyance.

Be specific in that list. If you wish to specify that the washer and dryer that you saw in the house remain in the house, then work with your REALTOR® to make sure the make/model and serial numbers of these large items are included in your sales agreement. It has happened that a seller agrees to include a washer and dryer in a sale, then moves out with the good stuff and plugs in a couple of other appliances on the way out.

Outside the home, if you want the birdbath, write it down. If you want the push-in solar lights, write it down. Take pictures, lots of pictures. The seller and his/her REALTOR® should be just as eager as you and your REALTOR® are to make sure there are no ambiguities or misunderstandings in the sales agreement that could hold up or even void a transaction.

In my 40 years as a Spokane REALTOR®, I can tell you that the vast majority of real estate transactions in Spokane County leave both the buyer and the seller feeling happy and satisfied when they have utilized the expertise of a REALTOR® to lead them through the process.

Don't hesitate. Talk with a REALTOR® today!



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