RATE YOUR KITCHEN CHECKLIST

Answer these questions to find out just how functional your present kitchen is... or isn't.

Storage Do your cabinets feature time-saving accessories such as roll-out shelves? Do your cabinets have adjustable shelves? Is all the cabinet hardware in working order (hinges/drawers open)? Is there enough cabinet shelf space? Do you have tall pantry storage in the kitchen? Do you have a convenient storage spot for hand-held appliances? Is all of the available wall and floor space used for organized storage? Is the cabinet door style and color up-to-date? Is the cabinet finish in good shape? Is there a place to sort recyclables?	Yes	
Countertop Is there enough counter space? Is there counter space located where you need it? Is the countertop material easy to keep clean? Is the countertop material undamaged and in good shape? Is the counter color/pattern up-to-date?		
Mechanical Elements Do you have task lighting above the countertop? Is there an attractive light fixture in the eating area? Are the light switches located where you need them? Do you have enough electrical outlets? Are the plumbing pipes free from leaks? Is there a good ventilation system in the cooking center?		
Major Surfaces Is the flooring material easy to clean? Is the wall covering easy to clean? Is the room aesthetically pleasing?		
Appliances/Fixtures Is the sink in good condition? Based on the way you use the kitchen, is the sink conveniently located? Do you have a food waste disposal? Do you have a dishwasher? Is your refrigerator/freezer large enough? Do you have a microwave oven, conveniently located? Based on the way you use the kitchen, is the refrigerator conveniently located? Do all of the elements/burners on your stove work? Is the cooking surface easy to clean? Based on the way you cook, are the oven and cooktop located where you want them? Are all of your appliances a pleasant color?		

KITCHEN ROOM USE + LIFESTYLE EVALUATION

You can greatly reduce guesswork in this Use this area to record some of your lifestyle decision-making process by first evaluating your needs and wants. needs. Start to look closely at how you and your family use the kitchen. Note traffic patterns and Who is the primary cook? _____ how accessible the important features in your kitchen are to all family members. Here are a How many other household members few questions you should ask yourself as you visualize your dream kitchen. Do any of these members have physical limitations? Are you a one-cook or multiple cook family? ☐ Yes One cook \square No ☐ Multiple cooks What type of cooking do you normally do? Should your floor plan include an informal ☐ Heat and serve meals dining area? ☐ Full-course meals ☐ Yes ☐ Bulk cooking for freezing □ No ☐ Other Are your meals elaborate affairs, or do you Is the kitchen a socializing place? eat on the run? ☐ Yes ☐ Elaborate \square No \square On the run Do you entertain frequently? Do you have enough storage space? ☐ Formally ☐ Yes ☐ Informally □ No Where do you plan to sort recyclables? Are your cabinets adequate and logically ☐ Kitchen laid out? ☐ Laundry ☐ Yes ☐ Garage □ No ☐ Other What small appliances do you need ready What type of feeling would you like your new access to? _____ kitchen space to have? (choose all that apply) ☐ Sleek/Contemporary Will you want a range with a built-in oven? ☐ Warm & Cozy Country ☐ Yes ☐ Traditional \square No Open & Airy ☐ Strictly Functional Do you have a neat and organized method of ☐ Formal handling recyclables? ☐ Family Retreat Yes Personal Design Statement ☐ No