

# 2017 BEST MOBILE APPS FOR HOMEBUYERS

## AT EVERY STAGE OF THE HOME BUYING PROCESS

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### DREAM-BUILDING *Thinking about what you want in a home*

#### Dwellr

Discover the top cities and towns that best fit your lifestyle, using data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

#### Walk Score

For quick insights on a neighborhood's walkability, bikeability, and public transit (0-100 ranking)

#### AroundMe

Learn "lifestyle features" of your prospective neighborhoods by browsing local businesses, bars, restaurants, and more.

### GETTING FINANCIALLY READY *Figuring out how much home you can afford*

#### Credit Karma

Learn your credit score, get a free credit report, and receive personalized tips to improve your credit.

#### Zillow Mortgages

(Calculator and Home Loan Rates) The best app to estimate how much "home" you can afford.

*Warning: Be careful of using online calculators as they do not have a clear understanding of your financial profile.*

#### Mint.com

To help you manage your budget, gain a clear idea of your financial obligations, and plan for the future.

### HOME SHOPPING (PART 1)

#### PART 1: TOP 3 HOME SEARCH (MLS) APPS

#### Redfin

The best home shopping app on the market. Redfin excels with buying/selling in a competitive market where timing and accuracy are crucial.

#### Trulia

The best app for collaborating with others and discovering the most detailed info on neighborhoods.

#### Zillow

For a simple, easy to use search engine with top-notch contextual data on local market trends.

*Tip: Each of these apps have strengths and weaknesses. Typically, it's best to use several platforms in combination.*

# HOME SHOPPING (PART 2) *Finding and comparing homes*

## PART 2: NARROWING IT DOWN TO "THE ONE"

### Homesnap

Chat/share favorite homes with your Realtor, get home details, and schedule open houses on-the-go.

### My Nest

Extensively document your favorite homes using photos, videos, and notes; and share them with others.

## MOVING *Planning, organizing, and streamlining your move*

### Sortly

Manage, search for, and categorize your moving boxes by creating a visual inventory of your stuff with photos, tags, and notes.

### MagicPlan

Buy furniture you know will fit in your new space by quickly drawing accurate floor plans and adding furniture or objects.

### Postmates

24/7 on-demand delivery from local stores/restaurants of pretty much anything you need, including meals and moving day champagne.

### OfferUp

A more secure and easier to use version of Craigslist, this app lets you quickly buy/sell household items in your area.

### Yelp

To quickly find reputable moving companies in your area (often with special discounts or exclusive offers).

## DESIGNING YOUR SPACE *Home projects, decorating, and renovations*

### Houzz & Pinterest

To discover, collect and share unique "DIY" projects and home design ideas.

### Zillow Digs

Home improvement and interior design ideas, with their associated cost estimates and vendors. This app also helps you avoid costly mistakes by virtually testing out different paint colors on your walls!

### Porch

Safely find top-rated house cleaners, handymen, landscapers, electricians etc. in your neighborhood.

### Amazon Prime

Order new decor or household items, and have them arrive on your doorstep in 2 days or less.

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