

What to Look for in a Retirement Community

Community You're Touring: _____

Physical Space & Accommodations

	Notes
Overall attractiveness and upkeep of buildings and grounds	
Full-size appliances in each residence	
Utilities (electricity, water, telephone, television, heating, air conditioning) and how they are paid	
Your ability to make aesthetic changes to the home to fit your personal style	
Private outdoor space, such as a balcony or patio	
Garage or designated parking space	
Walking paths or park-like areas for your use	
Visitor and/or guest policy	
Whether or not pets are allowed in the community	
Emergency call system in each residence	
24-hour security	
Community rooms that can be used for family gatherings	

Services & Amenities

	Notes
Meal and dining: hours, number of meals, type of meal services available	
Exercise area and indoor pool	
Location of community - convenient to family, friends, churches, stores, and hospitals	
Building maintenance, lawn care and home repair included in your monthly fee	
Transportation services	
Calendar of events	
Religious services to attend	
Volunteer opportunities to engage in and/or committees and groups of interest to you	
Relationship to greater community through partnership or shared initiatives	
Cultural or inter-generational opportunities	
New resident transition process	

Financial Structure

	Notes
Local or out-of-state ownership	
For-profit or not-for-profit	
Financial security of the owner	
Length of time in operation	
Community's mission statement or operating philosophy	
Kinds of contracts the community offers	
Entrance fees and refund options	
Future projects or initiatives planned for the community that could impact your costs	

Health Care Now & In The Future

	Notes
Resident priority access to higher-level care and services	
Clinic or nurse on campus available for questions or simple services	
Assisted and skilled nursing care availability if/when needed	
Fee structure as you need more care	
Special secure residence for those with memory impairment	
Pastoral care or support groups available to residents	
Rehab staff on campus	

Additional Notes:

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