

Should You Buy a Corner Lot?

Privacy, Curb Appeal and Extra Maintenance Considerations

When house hunting, location matters — and that includes where a home sits on the block. A property on a corner lot may offer added visibility and space, but it can also come with trade-offs.

Before deciding whether a corner lot is right for you, it's worth weighing the advantages and the added responsibilities.

THE PERKS OF EXTRA SPACE AND VISIBILITY

One of the biggest draws of a corner lot is additional yard space. Because the property borders two streets, the lot often feels larger and more open than interior homes.

This can mean:

- More natural light
- Fewer direct neighbors
- Easier access for parking or a side-entry garage
- Extra room for landscaping or fencing

In some neighborhoods, corner lots offer greater architectural presence. The home may have enhanced curb appeal due to dual street exposure, which can make it stand out when it comes time to sell.

Traffic flow can also be a benefit in certain areas. With only one adjacent neighbor instead of two, you may experience



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fewer shared property line concerns.

However, visibility cuts both ways. More exposure means less privacy. Pedestrians and drivers pass by on two sides — which may require thoughtful landscaping or fencing if privacy is important to you.

THE EXTRA RESPONSIBILITIES

With additional frontage comes additional upkeep. Corner lot owners are typically

responsible for maintaining sidewalks, mowing grass and clearing snow along both streets.

That can mean more time — or higher landscaping costs.

Traffic patterns are another consideration. Being located at an intersection may bring:

- More vehicle noise
- Headlights shining into windows at night
- Increased foot traffic
- A higher likelihood of litter near the curb

In some cases, driveways

on corner lots may be subject to special zoning restrictions for safety reasons. Fence height limits and setback rules can also differ, since visibility for drivers must be preserved.

Families with young children or pets may want to consider traffic volume carefully. While not all corner lots sit on busy streets, some do.

On the positive side, some buyers prefer corner lots precisely because they feel less boxed in. In neighborhoods

where homes are close together, that added breathing room can be appealing.

Ultimately, whether a corner lot is a benefit or a burden depends on your lifestyle and preferences. If you value openness and curb appeal — and don't mind the extra maintenance — it may be a great fit.

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HOMEWISSE GLOSSARY

More Sidewalk Means More Responsibility

Homes on corner lots often require owners to maintain sidewalks or clear snow along two street fronts instead of one.

Corner Lot: A corner lot is a property located at the intersection of two streets. It typically has frontage on both sides and may be subject to different zoning or setback rules.

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