

## Home Offices

Having a home office used to be just a nice amenity to have in your home, but after COVID-19, everything changed. A home office became vital if you worked from home during the pandemic. If you are selling your home or looking to buy a home with an office, there are few things you should consider.



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### LOCATION, LOCATION LOCATION!

A home office is not only a place to escape the noises and craziness of your family, but it's also a place for you to run your business.

You want to make sure the location of your office in your home is away from the noise and distractions.

You are going to spend the vast majority of your time in the office during long work days. Consider if you are able to work through distractions or if you need absolute quiet to do your work. Also consider if you will be bringing clients into your home office or

if you will be doing a lot of Zoom meetings with clients or coworkers.

### CONSIDER AN AWAY-FROM-HOME HOME OFFICE

Some find it hard to escape the noises and distractions working from home can bring, but do not have the money or time to escape to a rentable space in town. The

next best thing to consider is the purchase of a shed or building an away-from-home home office. This home office can be a space on the other side of your backyard. The space doesn't have to be huge but make sure it accommodates the work you do. If you are a writer or someone that just needs a laptop and desk space or someone that may need a big bigger space for

photography, then consider what you do and make your home office work for you.

The space can become a selling point for buyers and something you can market later in life if you consider selling your home.

### AN OFFICE WITH A VIEW

A home office should be a quiet space for you to get your work done. That being

said it's important to decorate your home office the way you want and in a way you can be productive.

Today's interior design markets towards natural light and creating a green space. Consider a room with a view such as a big window where you can put your desk or laptop.

If you are building a home office, make sure you create the space to be as productive as possible. With the advancement of technology in today's work world, you want to install plenty of outlets and appliances for you and potential buyers later down the road to plug in appliances.

### GIVE YOURSELF SOME SPACE

Whether you're building or renovating a room to become a home office, you should consider spacing and how much you'll need to work comfortably.

Before tearing into the space, consider creating a 3D floor plan to give yourself a good idea of what you will have room in your home for. Creating a 3D plan can help you create a list of amenities you want in your home office and can help you cover all your bases.

There are a number of websites online that can help you create a floor plan for your office.

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#### Builders Emphasizing Home Offices

The pandemic has changed how people work and buyers are interested in homes with private home offices. Learn more about how this trend from experts at Realtor.com at [bit.ly/3A561By](https://bit.ly/3A561By).



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### HOMESWISE GLOSSARY

**Amortization:** The repayment of a loan over time. With each payment there is a reduction of both principal (the original amount borrowed), plus the interest. SOURCE: MLS.com

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