



Being clear about your priorities

Determining what you want in retirement living takes serious thought. So what's important to you? What do you value most about where you live? And what kind of things do you like to do with your time, energy and talents? What makes life fun and truly fulfilling for you? Before you begin to compare your different options for the future, it's important to have a clear picture of the way you want to live in your retirement years.

Where I live: What matters most to me	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important
Staying in or near my current neighborhood, town or city			
Living around people in my age group			
Having families and children as neighbors			
Being close to entertainment and shopping			
Living close to cultural venues			
Having a variety of dining choices			
Living in a small or moderate-size apartment			
Living in a large apartment or freestanding home			
Being part of a friendly community			
Having plenty of privacy when I want it			
Being in a pet-friendly environment			
Having all interior/exterior maintenance provided			
Having interesting things to do			
Living close to family members			
Feeling safe in my home and neighborhood			
Having quality health care available if I need it			
Having predictable living expenses			
Making my own choices and decisions			
Feeling true peace of mind about the future			
Protecting my estate for my loved ones			
Access to transportation			
Ability to entertain or host gatherings			
Ability to cook and bake			

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How I live: What matters most to me

These are the activities and opportunities I want convenient access to:

Arts and crafts	Painting	
Board games	Photography	
Book club	Pottery	
Bridge	Reading	
Business and investment	Religious services	
Cardiovascular exercise	Running	
Computers/Internet/technology	Sporting events	
Continuing education	Swimming	
Cultural excursions/activities	Tai Chi	
Dancing	Theater/symphony/ballet	
Dining options	Travel	
Educational opportunities	Volunteer opportunities	
Fitness/exercise	Walking	
Gardening	Weight training	
Golf	Woodworking	
Group classes	Writing	
Hiking	Yoga	
Music appreciation	Other	
Music: playing an instrument		
Music: singing		