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## BUY A HOUSE OR RENT. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Buying a home is a huge part of the American Dream. Choosing to buy or rent, though, is a major decision that affects your financial health, lifestyle, and personal goals. Whichever option you choose depends entirely on your lifestyle and financial situation. Both require a regular income (so you can afford the payments and associated costs) and may also require a certain degree of effort to maintain.

But there are several differences that make renting and owning property distinctly different. Renting a property doesn't come with all the responsibilities associated with homeownership and you have more flexibility, as you aren't necessarily tied down to your property. Owning your home gives you a sizeable investment, but it does come at a big cost—both upfront and over the long run.

Owning a home isn't always better than renting, and renting is not always as simple as it seems. Here, we highlight some of the key differences between renting and buying.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Whether you choose to rent or buy your home depends on your financial situation, lifestyle, and personal goals.
- Both provide you with a place to live and require regular income in order to make the payments.
- Renting offers flexibility, predictable monthly expenses, and someone to handle repairs.
- Homeownership brings intangible benefits, such as a sense of stability and pride of ownership, along with the tangible ones of tax deductions and equity.
- Renting doesn't mean you're throwing away money every month, and owning doesn't always help you build wealth in the long run.



## *It's almost Summer!*

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

- F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Summer is the warmest season of the year, falling between spring and autumn. Temperatures over the period differ based upon the location on the Earth; regions near the equator are typically warmer than those lying near the poles





## 10 SUMMER HOME ESSENTIALS YOU NEED TO BUY NOW

- **Linen bedding:** Summer is the best time to incorporate linen into your home, and Parachute's sheets are a perfect choice. Light and airy, the Linen Venice Set captures the fabric's breezy, timeless appeal. Cool fact: The fabric is spun in a family-owned factory, located in the Guimarães region of northern Portugal.
- **A powerful fan:** This is a must for obvious reasons, especially if you don't have an air conditioner (if you do want an AC, this is the best-selling one on Amazon). I have the Dyson Air Multiplier fan and it's fantastic. A much less expensive alternative is the small but mighty Honeywell fan for \$12.50.

- **Colorful pillows:** Make your home happy and comfortable by adding pillows in pretty hues and lightweight fabrics like cotton or linen. Right now you can get two of the Magical Thinking Avery Tassel Pillows for \$60 on Urban Outfitters.
- **Lightweight throw:** This Turkish cotton pestemal quadruples as a light throw, tablecloth, picnic blanket, and shawl and comes in an array of colors. You can also use it as a towel, making this one of the most useful items I've seen. At just \$27 apiece, it's worth picking up a couple.
- **Vases and planters:** There's something about summer that makes me want to buy every plant and bouquet of flowers that I see on the side of NYC streets. So it's good to have vases and planters handy. I love this Hawkins New York vase and Parker 6-inch Planter (with drainage tray).
- **Fresh-scented candles:** An easy way to bring a summery scent inside is to place a few candles throughout your home. I'm a fan of Diptyque's popular offerings.
- **A great juicer:** This highly rated Omega juicer found in restaurants and juice bars across the country is easy to use and multifunctional. Not just for juicing, either—it turns nuts into nut butter, extrudes pasta, grinds coffee and spices, and more.
- **Bright coasters:** Coasters are essential for protecting the surfaces of furniture where you place beverages, especially when cold drinks sweat in the summertime. I love these handmade agate coasters that are now 40 percent off on Wayfair.
- **Chic storage:** Lidded baskets are a fun and textural way to store everything from toys to linens to beach towels. Strips of recycled plastic are wrapped around coils of seagrass to create bold patterns in the La Jolla Baskets from Serena & Lily.
- **New wall art:** Art doesn't have to be an expensive masterpiece to be great. Dress up a wall for the summertime with this cactus art print from California artist Jane Wilder.

## Upcoming May events in Charleston, SC

- **National Safe Boating Week - Charleston Kickoff Festival, May 21 2022** -Boating festival at Citadel Mall, with trailering olympics, oysters, beer and wine, boat and marine vendors, live music and children's activities.
- **Charleston Food Truck Festival, May 21-22 2022** - Annual food festival at Tanger Outlets, North Charleston, with a wide range of food trucks, plus beer and cocktails, and music and other performances.
- **Spoletto Festival USA, May 27, June 12 2022** - The foremost performing arts festival in the United States, running for more than two weeks each year in Charleston.



## DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR HOME IS WORTH? THINKING ABOUT SELLING? HERE'S WHAT WE CAN OFFER!

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- ✓ **Greater exposure for your home**
- ✓ **Expert in the field helping you navigate the transaction**
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