

Open floorplans provide many advantages and are preferred by 8 of 10 buyers

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One of the great advantages of buying a new home is that you can find the floor plan that works best for your family. Some people prefer a home that is divided into separate rooms, but the vast majority prefer open floor plans in which living areas blend into one great room.

Open floor plans are nothing new — they began to be seen in homes built as early as the 1950s — but the concept really took off in the 1990s and today they are wildly popular. In fact, a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Home Builders found that 85% of buyers nationwide prefer an open floor plan.

Given that popularity, it's no surprise that BIA member homebuilders in the greater Sacramento area often incorporate open floor plans into the homes they are building from Yuba City to Galt and Winters to El Dorado Hills.

There are several advantages to selecting an open floor plan, from taking advantage of natural light to improving the overall



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Open floor plans, such as found in the Estates-Glacier model at Taylor Morrison's Esplanade at Turkey Creek development, remain extremely popular with new home buyers.

flow of your home. Consider these top five reasons for choosing an open floor plan in your new home.

Increased social interaction. One of the most significant advantages of an open floor plan is that it promotes social interaction among occupants. Without walls and doors separating

different areas of a home or common area, people are more likely to communicate and interact with each other and foster a sense of community and collaboration.

More natural light. Open floor plans typically have more windows and natural light than traditional ones, where walls and

doors can obscure the light. Open sight lines and natural light can make the area feel bigger, brighter and more spacious.

Additional Flexibility. Open floor plans offer more flexibility regarding how homeowners can utilize space. For example, a large open living area can be

used for various purposes, such as a living room, dining room and play area, all at the same time. Furniture can also be moved and repositioned easily to create different room layouts.

Improved traffic flow. With fewer walls and obstacles to navigate, open floor plans can improve traffic flow. Fewer barriers can be especially beneficial in busy areas such as kitchens, where multiple people may work simultaneously.

Modern aesthetic. Many people prefer the modern and contemporary aesthetic of the clean lines and minimal clutter that open floor plans provide. Ample storage areas are a must to maintain this effect.

Finding the right floor plan requires full consideration of a family's wants and needs and the pros and cons of each layout. But for many, an open floor plan checks all the right boxes. Finally, if you're a prospective homebuyer who wants to move into a new home quickly, without having to wait for a lengthy construction process, you'll be happy to know that the BIA has a list of available quick move-in homes ready and waiting for you! You can find the link for each week's listings on Facebook and Instagram by going to @sacramentonewhomes.