

COMMUNITY COMPARISONS

Use this list to help you remember what communities you looked at, what questions to ask, what you found out, and how they are different or compare.

	1st Community	2nd Community	3rd Community
Date:			
Name:			
Address			
City/Zip			
Phone			
Contact			
Type:			
Retirement Community			
independent living			
assisted living			
nursing care			
memory care unit (secure)			
Ownership:			
local			
chain/national/regional			
religious affiliated			

for-profit/ not-for-profit			
Number of Units			
Total number of residents			
Ratio of women to men			
Average Age			
Waiting list (yes/no)			
How long?			
Entry/admission fee/\$			
Refundable?			
Type of accommodation			
high-rise			
1-4 stories			
elevators			
free-standing units/home style			
cluster Units			
Appearance			
one building			
campus style			
landscaping			
neighborhood			
inviting entrance			

nicely decorated			
uncluttered			
home-like feel			
commercial feel			
nice smell			
well maintained			
Transportation:			
provided for medical			
provided for personal			
flexible			
unavailable			
Personal car:			
fees? Yes/no amount			
parking lot			
reserved parking			
secure parking			
covered parking			
garage/carport			
Staff:			
pleasant attitude			
treated with respect			

Residents:			
pleasant attitude			
appropriate dress			
Dining:			
dress code at dinner			
appealing dining room			
alternative dining areas			
1 meal daily (costs)			
2 meals daily (costs)			
3 meals daily (costs)			
assigned seating			
served cafeteria style			
served restaurant style			
served buffet style			
tray service (if required)			
delivered to room if required			
standing meal times			
sufficient quantity served			
appetizing			
tasty			
outdoor eating			

other food options			
guest meals			
walkers allowed			
wheelchairs allowed			
separate dining for:			
assisted living			
nursing center			
Activities:			
exercise class			
indoor swimming			
outdoor swimming			
hot tub or spa			
outings			
crafts			
bridge			
cards/bingo/games			
shuffleboard			
pool table			
exercise room			
tennis			
putting green			

bicycling			
lectures			
music area			
library			
shop area			
computer room			
chapel			
big-screen TV (lounge)			
onsite banking			
onsite convenience store			
special events			
gardening			
special occasion functions			
happy hour			
corn hole			
art studio			
Maintenance/repairs			
provided			

extra charge			
decorating provided			
personal decorating allowed			
Arrangements (cost):			
own			
buy-in (no ownership)			
rent			
living quarters close to dining area			
studio			
studio with kitchen			
studio with sitting area			
room without kitchen			
1 bedroom with bath			
2 bedroom with bath			
2 bedroom, 2 bath			
Ability to move from one			
level of care to another			
without changing facilities.			
ex: Assisted to memory care			
deposit required			
refundable			

adequate closets			
patio/deck/balcony			
storage area			
cable TV (basic)			
extra charge			
flat linens provided			
telephone			
personal laundry service			
washer/dryer in unit			
washer/dryer hook-ups			
laundry room available			
housekeeping: cost?			
weekly			
every-other week			
monthly			
bath tub only			
shower only			
bath/shower combo			
wheelchair accessible shower			
grab bars			
taller commode			

emergency call system			
smoke dector			
carbon monoxide detector			
sprinkler system			
handicapped accessible			
window treatments provided			
Medical/health office			
scheduled podiatrist visits			
Counseling services			
Staff trained in CPR and first aid			
Staff/management on site 24 hrs			
Physicians:			
on-call			
own required			
available daily			
weekly			
none			
RN/Physicians Assistant			
on-call			
own required			
available daily			

weekly			
none			
Hospice Available			
Notes:			
Resident council			
Guest accommodations			
Apartment available for trial use?			
Chaplain			
Religious services on-site			
transportation provided			
Beauty/barber services			
Smoking premitted in personal areas			
Smoking permitted in common areas			
Other			

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Notes:

Goal #1:

Goal #2:

Goal #3:

Goal #4:
