

Toronto Walkability Buyer Checklist

(Print-Friendly Version)

Section 1 — Immediate Surroundings

Check within a **5–10 minute walk** of the front door:

- ☐ A café or coffee shop
- ☐ A grocery store or small market
- ☐ A park, green space, or trail entrance
- ☐ A pharmacy
- ☐ A transit stop (subway/streetcar/GO)
- ☐ A place to “grab something quickly” (bakery, convenience store)

Section 2 — Street Safety & Comfort

- ☐ Sidewalks on both sides of the street
- ☐ Even pavement (no trip hazards)
- ☐ Good lighting in the evening
- ☐ Safe street crossings (especially near schools)
- ☐ Calm traffic / no aggressive drivers
- ☐ Other people out walking (families, dog walkers, seniors)

Section 3 — Greenery & Outdoor Appeal

- ☐ Mature tree canopy providing shade
- ☐ Well-kept yards and façades
- ☐ Benches, planters, or seating areas
- ☐ Nearby ravine, waterfront path, or trail
- ☐ Clean sidewalks and maintained boulevards

Section 4 — “Daily Life” Amenities

- ☐ A main street or shopping strip with independent businesses
- ☐ Restaurants or cafés open beyond 6 p.m.
- ☐ Pet-friendly stops (if relevant)
- ☐ A playground or splash pad (for families)
- ☐ A good running/walking loop (dog owners, fitness-focused)

Section 5 — Transit & Connectivity

- ☐ Subway within walking distance *or* reliable streetcar route
- ☐ Bike lanes or safe cycling paths
- ☐ Quick access to a major corridor (Yonge, King/Queen, Danforth, etc.)
- ☐ Alternate routes for winter walking

Section 6 — Sensory Experience (Underrated but Essential)

- ☐ Streets aren't too noisy
- ☐ Natural smells > exhaust or waste bins
- ☐ Streetscape feels “cared for”
- ☐ No major industrial or mechanical noise nearby
- ☐ Sun + shade mix that feels pleasant, not harsh

Section 7 — Lifestyle Fit

Mark which lifestyle(s) this neighbourhood actually supports:

- ☐ Toronto neighbourhood walker (mixed residential + main street)
- ☐ Urban high-rise walker (quick errands, close parks)
- ☐ Family-friendly walker (schools + parks + safe crossings)
- ☐ Dog walker (off-leash areas + varied terrain)
- ☐ Nightlife / café culture walker (active evenings, patios, dessert spots)

If you've checked at least **70%** in your sections + found your lifestyle match, the neighbourhood is genuinely walkable for your needs.