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Ask a Meritage team member how to complete these six insider checks that reveal if a home really makes the grade.

	MERITAGE HOMES	OTHER HOMES
 <p>1. CHECK THE TEMPERATURE If it changes when you're wandering around the house—especially from the first to second floor—the house isn't well insulated.</p>	 REAL COMFORT	
 <p>2. TOUCH THE WINDOWS If it changes when you're wandering around the house—especially from the first to second floor—the house isn't well insulated.</p>	 MORE SAVINGS	
 <p>3. LISTEN FOR OUTSIDE NOISE Blast music on your phone, leave it outside, and close the door. The less you can hear from inside, the better the home's framing, insulation, and windows.</p>	 REAL COMFORT	
 <p>4. LOOK FOR WATER-SAVING APPLIANCES Ask whether or not the appliances are certified by WaterSense. If they are, you'll use less water and energy without sacrificing function.</p>	 MORE SAVINGS	
 <p>5. FIND THE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT Notice the size, because it matters: the bigger the air conditioner (or the more units you see), the worse the interior insulation.</p>	 REAL COMFORT	
 <p>6. STUDY THE HVAC RETURN Big? Small? The larger it looks, the more likely it is that the filter and fan inside can better remove dust and allergens to help improve your home's air quality.</p>	 BETTER HEALTH	

 CHAT WITH A MEMBER OF THE MERITAGE TEAM **FOR MORE SMART-HOMEBUYER TIPS.**

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