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## STEPS TO PREPARE EMPTY LAND FOR BUILDING A HOME ON IT

Logically you'll first need a plot of land that you envision your new home being on. When looking for a plot of land for building a home, there are some key checks and research to do both prior to purchasing the land and after you buy the property. Below we discuss some of these checks so that the land you buy isn't a huge headache for you to prepare for your new home.

THE FOLLOWING STEPS SHALL BE CONSIDERED:

1. Execute a survey of the land, mapping all disturbances such as trees, sheds, walls, fences, creeks, etc. (\*)
2. Define the land boundaries in accordance with the coordinates on your land certificate, (\*)
3. Execute a topographic survey if the land is not flat and plot the elevations, preferably in a system of 10 x 10 meter (32 x 32 ft) squares, (\*)
4. Execute a soil investigation if the land is known to have a weak top soil (old rice field, shrimp farm, etc.), the land was filled in, has natural soft spots such as clay layers, unpredictable ground water levels, the land prone to flooding, or others, (\*)
5. Talk to neighbors and try to find out if the land has had negative issues,
6. Evaluate the accessibility of the Land, such as power access and water access,
7. Check the local regulations for the discharge of stormwater and wastewater (bathroom, toilet, kitchen). Check the need for a septic system,
8. Check zoning and permitting with the local Government.

Based on the house plan you have chosen, and whether our company will be part of the land clearing process, you'll need to evaluate how to clear the land from the research and information you now have at your fingertips. While taking into consideration zoning and access to utilities, create a plan for engaging a company for excavating trees, brush, and existing structures, the utility companies needed to establish access to utility lines, and engaging a land clearing or land preparation contractor.