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### LOCATION MATTERS

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### FORM VS. FUNCTION

Focus on your workflow when arranging the furniture so everything you need is at hand, but don't let the home office become the new version of your boring old cubicle. Make selections that complement the rest of your decor, and add pieces like a loveseat to make it feel more like home. Forgo the traditional office beige for a paint color that motivates you.



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have adjustable heights, armrests and backrest, as well as a 360-degree swivel base and built-in lumbar support. Position it so you can view something other than a wall or door. Natural light is a great mood enhancer, and we're often inspired by the outdoors. If you don't have access to a window, consider hanging an inspirational framed picture or painting.

### TAME THOSE WIRES

Even with nearly universal Wi-Fi, cords remain a fact of (work) life. After all, everything needs to be re-charged. Consider investing in a management system, which can be as simple as an everyday twist tie. Higher-end versions offer a more elegant look and feel, which can be particularly important if you have set up shop in a shared area or walk-through space.

### ORGANIZE VERTICALLY, TOO

Most home offices put space at a premium, meaning there's only so much area to be found on horizontal surfaces like a desk. Don't forget to that you can file and store things vertically, as well. Floating shelves and vertical file folders are smart options, and everything will remain both within reach and out of the way.

### REAL ESTATE 101

#### Why Have an Appraisal?

An appraisal is a professional determination of value. Mortgage companies usually require an appraisal of the property by a licensed, disinterested party before agreeing to loan money on the property. To learn more, visit [bit.ly/3HykFE5](https://bit.ly/3HykFE5).

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### HOMEWISSE GLOSSARY

**Hazard insurance:** An insurance policy selected by the borrower to cover the property against loss due to hazards such as fire, hail, etc. The borrower pays an annual premium for this coverage. SOURCE: MLS.com

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