



One-Story Living Fulfills Many Homeowners Current Desires

Ranch homes, or one-story living is still the most popular style of home being built today. Here are some of the reasons why homeowners are so drawn to this style of living. With ease of movement, expansive room sizes and convenience to and from every space in the house, this type of floor plan is here to stay and is more popular than ever. One of the reasons why one-story homes remain popular – they offer many of the most sought after features when building a home today.



Sloping Lots

Sloping lots are no longer considered a downfall. Building your dream home can be easy even if you don't have the best plot of land. For example, sloping lots are the ideal location to build an atrium ranch home. With sweeping windows along the entire rear wall, this ranch style home will be flooded with *warm, natural light*. The windows provide extra light adding dimension and a sense of spaciousness to the interior while also creating an impressive looking exterior. Plus, if positioned correctly, the windows of an atrium ranch home provide warmth from the sun in the winter months by taking advantage of all that extra sunlight flooding the interior. If you have found a great sloping lot, select the perfect atrium ranch home to complement it.

Combined Spaces

Combined spaces equal twice the function. Single story homes offer more *flexibility in the design* of the interior than multi-level homes. Living spaces without another level overhead also permit vaulted ceilings, dramatic windows and the use of skylights that create a spacious and open atmosphere. Many ranch home plans offer open living spaces created by the combination of rooms, while two-story homes often are designed with traditionally more formal rooms that are often separated from each other on the first floor.

New Level

Entertain on a whole new level. Many single story homes offer the ability to have a finished lower level. With an open design and state-of-the-art amenities, these spaces are perfect for families that love to entertain. Featuring areas for recreation, lower levels are the ideal place to kick back and have some fun with your friends and family while enjoying some of your favorite hobbies and activities. The one-story home can provide a *spacious basement space* that can be transformed to provide additional casual living space, an entertaining area, an exercise area or guest room.

Expand

Expand your one-story living to the outdoors with a cheerful deck or patio. Many of our ranch house plans include fantastic *outdoor living spaces* that are great for entertaining. An outdoor kitchen is a fantastic amenity that will keep the cook and guests in close proximity to one another. And, an enchanting and ever-popular fireplace will warm this outdoor area so all the seasons of the year can be enjoyed. One of the most popular trends in recent years that many ranch homes in this magazine show off is great outdoor spaces that expand living far into the backyard all year long.

Amenities

Amenities are found throughout every home no matter how many floors it has. So, single story homes do not skimp on luxury. Grand living is offered just as easily on one level as it is on two. *Decorative ceilings* and unique lighting enhance these homes. Gourmet kitchens, a home office and children's play rooms can all be found within the one-story homes of today. Take your newly built home and all that it offers to new heights even if it only has one-level.

