

Live a Simpler, less cluttered life

Downsizing – Part 1 Decluttering



When should I start?



How do I start?



Keep

Donate

Sell

Trash



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Keep

We will discuss how to store the items you decide to keep on a later class

“Not here” box



How do I get rid of the
things I don't want to keep?



Give to friends and family

- Your friends are also downsizing so don't want your furniture, etc.
- Your kids don't want most of your stuff.
- Your neighbors just as much junk as you do



Donations

Lead the way with values

Destination brain hack

Get them out of the house asap

Trunk trick

Purge your house based on what your chosen donation location needs



Where to donate

- Condition
 - Salvation Army vs. Goodwill vs. relocation charities (ie. FACETS)
- Animals
- Food



Sell

Less sells than you expect

Things will sell for less than you believe

There are several types of selling environments. Also, some things may not sell in your area but might do well elsewhere – especially art.



What to sell

- Antiques
- Art
- China (fine)
- Jewelry, silver flatware, other precious metals
- Clothing – name brand in great condition
- Books
- DVD's, CD's, electronics
- Collections – coins, stamps, dolls, etc



How to sell

- Specific buyers – jewelry, books, etc.
- Auctions
- Estate Sales / Yard Sales
- Consignment shops
- Online
 - You
 - Agent



How do I keep from getting ripped off?

- Get an appraisal (ensure right type of appraisal)
 - Have it looked at by a historian
 - Do your research
 - Get referrals from those you trust
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- Keep in mind the value of your time vs the value of the item



Trash

- Load into your toter right away
- Make sure to leave yourself reminders to get the trash out on time
- If there is too much or if there are large pieces, call a hauling company
 - The more you have available for the truck, the better
 - They can remove the items from where they are in the house so you don't need to haul it down to a dumpster or to the street
- Rent a dumpster
 - Less expensive but you need to do the work yourself





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