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Organizing Your Home to SELL



Getting your dhucks in a row.

Organizing Your Home to Sell – Create Space

1. Clarify



What will your life be like when you move into your next home?

What will you be doing? What do you want to have, do and enjoy in your next home?

How will it be different than what you are doing now?

How much will it cost to move things you may not use?

How long before you move into your next home?

2. Let Go

Keep only what you love, what you will use and what makes sense to move. Let go of the things you don't want to move or won't have room for. Give away what is in good condition, recycle what you can and throw away the rest.



3. Sort

Sort what you've decided to keep into 3 groups.

Cold — Won't Use NOW



Pack everything that you won't be using in the next 4-6 months but you still want to keep AND move. These are out-of-season clothes, hobby supplies that you want to continue but are not doing now, cooking appliances that you use only once a year, and collections (books, photos, music, videos, figurines, art, etc.).

Warm — Unsure



Pack the extras. Clothes that you can wear now but they aren't your favorites — pack it. Extra sheets, towels and linens — pack it. Pack away all but a few of the children's favorite toys. These are things that you could use now but don't need. Pack as much as you can.

Hot — Routinely Use



You have to live a normal life while you are waiting for your home to sell but keep these things to a minimum. Keep these well organized and nicely packaged. Remember, create more space and less personality. Use a basket for your personal toiletries. Limit your shoes to what fits on a shoe rack. Put mail & bills away. Even limiting the food in your pantry and cupboards will create needed space. When the house has sold these are the items you pack last and unpack first.

4. Pack

Pack as much as you can and as early as you can. Set a goal of packing a box a night or some other goal that is manageable. Do not put off packing. Besides, you've already done the hard part — letting go and sorting.

Pack like with like. Pack all clothes together. Don't pack the coffee cups in with the tshirts. If there is space left in a box, use some packing material to fill it and then close the box. DO NOT go hunting for something to fill the space that does not belong there.

Mark each box with the contents and the room. That way, when you move and begin to unpack, all the boxes can be placed in the appropriate room to unpack.

5. Store

Get a storage space and use it. Moving your packed boxes to storage allows the buyer to see all that useful space in the garage or room.

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