

# HOWARD HANNA

## REAL ESTATE SERVICES

### The Ultimate Pre-Downsizing Declutter Checklist (Room-by-Room Guide)

Downsizing doesn't mean getting rid of everything. It means keeping what supports your life now. Use this simple checklist to declutter with clarity, confidence, and less stress.

#### Before You Start

- You don't have to do everything at once
- Progress matters more than perfection
- Focus on your next chapter, not the past

#### Entryway & Closets

- Remove coats not worn in 2+ years
- Donate duplicate shoes, bags, umbrellas
- Keep only daily and seasonal essentials

#### Living & Family Rooms

- Remove furniture that won't fit a smaller space
- Keep décor you truly love
- Digitize photos, movies, and CDs

#### Kitchen

- Donate duplicate cookware and gadgets
- Let go of rarely used appliances
- Reduce dishware to realistic use

#### Bedrooms

- Keep favorite, comfortable clothing
- Donate items that no longer fit your lifestyle
- Reduce extra bedding and linens

#### Bathrooms

- Discard expired products and medications
- Limit backups to one per item
- Donate unused beauty tools

#### Basement, Garage & Storage

- Sort into Keep / Donate / Sell / Discard
- Be realistic about future storage
- Release 'just in case' items

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