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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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