

# 6 downsizing TIPS for SENIORS

A smaller home can mean lower costs, less upkeep, and more freedom — perfect for when it's time to clear the clutter and pare down your life post-retirement. Start planning for a more simplified style of living and a space that better fits your lifestyle now — even if retirement plans are still a few years away.

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**Start early.**

It's never too soon to get rid of clutter that you're already not using anyway.

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**Know your home's value.**

Talk to a REALTOR® about pricing your home properly.

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**Keep only what matters most.**

You'll have tough decisions among your sentimental items and family treasures. Keep what still speaks to you, and pass down other items that should stay in your family.

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**Plan for moving costs and taxes.**

These can add up quickly, and can be more costly than you anticipate.

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**Explore new communities.**

Compare and contrast amenities, services, proximity to healthcare services and your personal preferences.

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**Ask family, friends, or professionals for help.**

Moving at retirement age takes a village, from helping to pack to referrals for movers and REALTORS®. Ask your village to assist you in this important transition.

Downsizing isn't only about square footage — it's also about quality of life. Whether you're ready now or just beginning to explore options, a REALTOR® offers expert advice, understands the local market, and will guide you every step of the way.

