

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.

