



Why De-Clutter?

Because You Can – Sort through items, throw away and give away while you still have the energy ! Many people wait till they are older to attack the clutter problem and find they don't have the mental or physical energy to accomplish the task.

Your "For Sale" Home Will Show Better – Realtors agree that a home that looks more spacious and has clean lines is more likely to catch the eye of a potential buyer.

You Can Help Someone Else – After you de-clutter , sell the items at a yard sale and donate the money to charity or donate the items directly to organizations that distribute household items to "those in need".

You'll Save Money On Your Move – Regardless of whether you are paying by the hour or by the pound the reality is that the more you have the more it will cost to move it.

You'll Have Less to Pack Before Moving – It takes an average of 30 minutes to pack up a box. This can mean a single family home traditionally has 100-150 boxes and can take up to 75 hours to pack.

Basic De-Clutter Guidelines

Set A Goal - Decide what you want to accomplish and when . Periodically referring to the goal line can help you persevere.

Consider your future lifestyle, age and home - When looking over your furniture you may want to consider if it fits your current season in life. If downsizing to a smaller home is your priority then look for furniture that is smaller and multifunctional.

Schedule donation times - Conduct an annual yard sale or arrange a monthly charity pick up. If you actively participate in these events you'll be actively looking for items to sell or donate.

Think like an economist - Consider the actual resale value of the item, not what you paid for it. This may prompt you to keep an antique and let go of a 20 year old television set. You may also find that renting a particular item once every few years is more economical than storing it.

Create a system - Set up three boxes: **Keep - Trash - Give**. Make the decision immediately as you pick up each item.

Ask the important questions –

Have I used it in the last year?

Can I borrow or rent it?

If I need to refer to the information can I Google it or go to the library?

Is it going out of style or becoming obsolete in the world of technology?