

## 18 Important Questions to Ask Yourself Before You Declutter

- 1. Do I love it?
- 2. How often do I use it?
- 3. Would I buy it again?
- 4. Does it fit my current lifestyle?
- 5. Is it meaningful to me?
- 6. What is its sentimental value?
- 7. Can I live without it?
- 8. Do I have a place to put it?
- 9. Am I afraid I'll need it in the future?
- 10. How easy is it to keep tidy?
- 11. Would someone else get more use out of it?
- 12. Do I already have one of these?
- 13. Can I borrow this instead?
- 14. Is there something else I can use instead of this?
- 15. Does this work?
- 16. Does this add value to my life?
- 17. Did I remember I had this?
- 18. If you were moving, would you take it with you?

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"So my friends, keep what you love and what nurtures you. Hold dear your memories along with a few treasures from those who loved you and whom you loved. Leave a few treasures for those you love to remember you by. But do so judiciously.

Beyond that, live well, love deeply, and hold on to a heartful --- not a houseful --- of memories. That will be plenty. I promise."

AARP publication **Downsizing the Family Home: What to Save, What to Let Go** by Marni Jameson

## WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR STUFF - SELL, DONATE, RECYCLE - TRASH IT!!

- BOOKS Various agencies may be interested in receiving books, videos or magazines you have and may be contacted for information. Salvation Army 435-628-4041, Local Libraries, Local Schools, Community Centers, Thrift Stores
- BUILDING MATERIALS and LARGE APPLIANCES Habitat Re-Store 435-628-4041 Habitat Re-Store is located in Hurricane and has pick-up service.
- CELL PHONES Best Buy 435-627-8418 or Verizon Stores
- CLOTHING Deseret Thrift Store 435-674-8232 (does not pick up items)

  Switchpoint Thrift Store 435-638-9310 (engaged in helping the homeless)

  Hope Chest Thrift Store 435-674-5325 (serves pregnancy resource center)

  Salvation Army 435-628-4041

  PAWS Thrift Store 435-278-0059 (dedicated to providing for cats and dogs)
- COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS Best Buy and Staples 435-628-7742
- DOCUMENTS and LEGAL PAPERS Sort through accumulated papers and decide which are to be kept and safely stored. For a fee, assure secure disposal of others by taking them to Staples, UPS, FedEx or Steamroller for SHREDDING. For large amounts, commercial shredding companies will come to your home.
- EYEGLASSES Local Ophthalmology practices and St George Lions Club 435-673-3301
- FURNITURE Habitat Re-Store and Salvation Army (call to ask whether they will pick up)
  Also, investigate selling items on Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist.
- HOUSEHOLD GOODS Deseret, Hope Chest, Switchpoint, Salvation Army
- MEDICATIONS (OTC OR PRESCRIPTION) St George Police Dept 435-627-4300 and Washington City Police Dept 435-986-1515. Each has a disposal box just inside the entry lobby.
- MUSIC, MOVIES, VIDEO GAMES Thrift Stores, Libraries, Consignment Stores such as:

  Sell it Again Sally 435-275-0006 Red Cliffs Consignment 435-688-8860
- OLD TOWELS, LINENS and RAGS NOT SUITABLE FOR DONATION Humane Societies
- PLASTIC CONTAINERS Recycle if appropriate.
- **SHOES** Donate to Good Shepherd's annual shoe drive.
- SPECIALTY ITEMS & COLLECTIBLES eBay, Etsy, local antique or consignment shops
- **TO SELL ITEMS** Options include holding Garage or Estate Sales.
- TO DISPOSE OF LARGE OR BULK ITEMS Hire a junk removal company, take to the landfill, or consult with Waste Management about possible specialized services.