

# **Packing Checklist**

### 1. Plan Your Downsizing Process

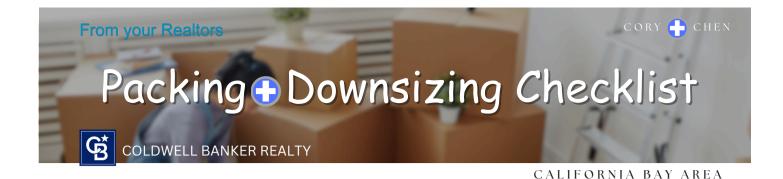
- Set a Timeline: Decide when you want to move and create a packing schedule. This could be moving out to get your house ready...
- Create Categories: Label boxes as "Keep," "Sell," "Donate," and "Toss."

### 2. Declutter & Sort

- **Start Small:** Begin with one room or area at a time (e.g., closet, kitchen, garage).
- Keep Only What You Need or Love: Be honest—do you use it? Do you love it? If you haven't used it in 5+ years maybe it's time to get read of it.
- Sort by Condition: If something is worn out or broken, toss it.
- **Sell or Donate:** List valuable items for sale online or donate items in good condition.

#### 3. Packing Essentials

- Pack Early: Start with non-essential items (decorations, seasonal clothes).
- **Use Smaller Boxes:** Keep items organized by category (books, kitchenware, etc.).
- Label Everything: Clearly label boxes with contents and destination room in the new home.
- **Protect Fragile Items:** Use bubble wrap, towels, or packing paper for delicate items.



4. Downsizing Your Furniture

- **Assess Each Piece:** Is it going to fit in your new space? Is it necessary?
- Sell or Donate Large Items: Consider selling or donating furniture that won't work in your new home.
- **Measure New Space:** Ensure your furniture fits by measuring available rooms.

#### 5. Handle Important Documents

- **Organize Papers:** Sort important documents (e.g., financial, medical, legal) and store them in a safe place.
- **Go Digital:** Scan old papers you no longer need in physical form to save space.

#### 6. Prepare for the Move

- **Hire Movers (if necessary):** Get quotes from professional moving companies or rent a truck if you are doing it yourself.
- Pack an Essentials Box and keep it with you: Include toiletries, clothes, medications, and documents needed for the first few days.

Contact us for a FREE personalized downsizing consultation!



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