

Downsizing Options/Pros & Cons

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Give to family members	Stays in the family	Depending on location, shipping/delivery costs are incurred.
Consignment	Can make <i>\$money\$</i>	Share up to 50 % of the profit. Pay for pick up and pricing fee-if it doesn't sell, it is donated to a charity. Rule of Thumb: Some do not take metal desks and file cabinets, linens, particleboard, glass, Plexiglas.
Donation to Charity	Helping out those less fortunate, while blending your stuff back into the universe; Tax deduction	Not all charities take all things. Check on pick up times and days. If they refuse items, you may still need to hire a hauler to take your stuff away.
Estate Sale	Liquidate entire property and make money, 50- 65% of the sale of goods.	Not all Homeowner Associations allow Estate Sales. You must allow at least a week after you have moved out, for the Estate Sale to take place. You need to be leaving a sizable amount of your possessions behind in order for the Estate Sale company to consider it as worth all the time and effort that goes into staging a sale. You need to interview the Estate Sale company, review and sign a contract. They decide the price of your items based on what the market will bare. You may not be allowed to attend the sale.
Buy-Out/Estate Liquidation	Complete clean out of your property, <i>all in one day.</i> You concern yourself <i>ONLY</i> with what you are taking and close the door on the rest.	Minimum value much lower than Estate Sale threshold.
Craigslist/CLASSIFIEDS	Sale is between you, the owner, and the buyer directly-there is no middle man.	Strangers will be calling you and coming to your home. You should accept <i>cash only.</i>
eBay	Good for small items.	For some people, this is difficult to navigate their system. Packing and shipping consideration; may need to utilize a professional eBay listor, which costs you up to 50%; items must be in excellent condition.