



9 Downsizing Tips for Your Golden Years

Have you found yourself spending more time on home maintenance during your retirement than you expected? Maybe you feel like cleaning is never done, your yard always needs tending, and repairs are never-ending. Downsizing can help solve all of these common problems, and these resources presented by [Bow Cliff Seniors](#) can help you make the transition.

Finding Your New Home

Between selling your current home and buying a new one, you'll have a lot on your plate. But these resources will make it easier to handle your responsibilities.

- [Seek out](#) a local real estate agent who has experience helping senior homebuyers.
- As you tour homes, keep an eye out for [features](#) that were designed for accessibility.
- Determine whether it's [worthwhile to purchase](#) an "as-is" home.
- [Determine](#) whether you will pay for your new home with the cash from your home sale or with a mortgage.

Clearing Out Belongings

You're ready to let go of items you don't use anymore. Here's how to make it through the decluttering stage with ease.

- Decluttering can be time-consuming, but these [helpful tips](#) will speed it up.
- Once you've decided which belongings you can get rid of, [find out](#) if your local thrift store might need them.
- Now, you can [pack up](#) everything that is left. Don't forget to label and organize your boxes.

Get Ready to Move

Moving day is on your calendar! These tips will help you find a moving company, unpack, and celebrate afterward.

- [Look up](#) reasonably priced moving companies and ask if they offer special assistance to seniors.
- You're ready to turn your new house into a cozy home. Start [unpacking](#) room by room!

Downsizing is often a very rewarding process. Knowing that you can live minimally and free up money and time can reduce your stress levels. If you're ready for a big lifestyle change during your golden years, downsizing just might be the answer!

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