

Downsizing Tips to Prepare for Your Move to Fenwyck Heights

Downsizing and de-cluttering in preparation to move to a new home can be a stressful and emotional experience. Make this a joyful opportunity in your life and surround yourself with objects that make you happy.

Plan Early — Give yourself enough time to make well-thought-out decisions.

A good benchmark is to start three months ahead of your move. It always takes longer than you think!

Get A Floor Plan — Know the size and layout of your new space, room by room, so you know what will fit and where it will go. Choose to bring only the furniture you love.

“Gift” Early — Start earmarking special items you want your loved ones to have. Aim to distribute them before you move.

Go Room by Room — Tackle one room at a time and bring only the absolute “must-haves.” Keep in mind that if you currently have two bedrooms, for example, and your new space only has one bedroom, bring only the essentials for that one room.

Start Small — Tackle the practical “must-haves” first, like kitchen and bathroom supplies. Save the bigger, emotional items (such as heirlooms, photos, art, etc.) for later — you’ll need more time to decide what you want to do with these items.

Sort by Keep, Toss and Give Away — Labelled containers are helpful! Eliminating the “maybe” option keeps you on track and prevents you from spending too much time focused on one thing.

Keep Your Favourite Clothes — When sorting through clothing, ask yourself, “Do I wear this?” and “Do I really love this?” Closet and storage space in your new home will likely be much smaller than you currently have.

Sort Your Paperwork — Sort papers into three piles: immediate attention (i.e. unpaid bills), short-term papers (i.e. tax documents, warranties) and lifetime papers (i.e. legal documents, insurance policies, passport, birth certificates). Recycle old bills, letters, solicitations, and keep only what is truly important.

As you declutter, allow enough time to thoughtfully go through your belongings and enjoy the memories. Focus on what you gain by moving and how your life will improve when you arrive at Fenwyck Heights!