



# The Ultimate Downsizing Checklist

**The process of downsizing isn't simply moving from one place to another, it's an entire process of life-changing decisions and wading into uncharted territory when it comes to your living situation. Do you downsize now? In a few years? Whatever the timeline looks like, rest assured this checklist can guide you through the journey.**

*Please note that this checklist may not be in the exact order in which your downsizing journey may take place, especially when it comes to the chronological order of selling your old home and purchasing your new condo.*

# Consider your years ahead

- Declutter your old possessions. You can do this whether you plan on moving or not to help with at-home clarity.
- Start by sorting all of your possessions room by room
- Create designated must have, nice to have, donate, recycle, and binge piles
- Budget for the move ahead of time and any transitional expenses from your old home to the new. This could include some or all of the following:
  - Realtor fees
  - Purchasing fees
  - Moving costs
  - Mortgage fees (if you choose to take one out)
  - Closing costs when selling your old home

**Bonus Tip:** If you are looking to sell any of your possessions, browse your local classifieds to see what similar items are priced at and price your for sale items accordingly when listing them on Facebook Marketplace, Kijiji, and Craiglists or if you plan on having a garage sale. Specialty items can be taken to hobby shops if you are unsure of how to price and sell them.

# The search and sell

## Find your new condo fit

- Research the [community](#) you would like to live in
- Look at the condo price and layout to ensure it is budget friendly when downsizing
- Get estimates on new costs such as monthly condo fees and monthly utilities
- Refer to our [infographic](#) for more information on downsizing decision making
- Utilize the checklist included at the end to compare and make notes on Edmonton communities

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## Purchasing your new condo

- Meet your potential neighbors before you move in to make sure they are a great fit
- Ensure all mortgage payments and banking information is in order before you purchase
- Put down the final signature and purchase your new condo.

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## Selling your old home

- List your old home (with a realtor if need be)
- Ensure all house remodeling and fix ups are completed before listing your house
- Order cleaning for your old home once you move out so the selling process can start right away

**Bonus Tip:** List your house (or get the help of another to list your house) on Facebook Marketplace, Kijiji, and any other free local classifieds to help boost exposure of your listing without any added cost.

# The moving process

- Notify important friends and family of your move with your updated mailing address and physical address if applicable
- Figure out what paperwork you will need to update:
  - Driver's license, driver's insurance, and registration
  - Voter ID and voter riding
  - Change over your mailing address with a "change of address" form at the post office
  - Your banking information and investment information
  - Prescription and prescription delivery with your doctor's office and pharmacy
  - Any monthly or annual newspaper and magazine subscriptions
  - Any bills and utilities such as electricity and technology (landline, mobile phone, and internet)
- Look at cost versus convenience when deciding whether you acquire extra help or not
- Finish all of your final packing in clearly labelled, easy-to-read boxes
- Personally pack a box of necessities so you have easy access to all of your most important items
- Book moving day with the movers early or get an early start on your own so you can use the whole day for the move
- Purchase new furniture and décor for your condo

# Community Comparison Checklist

Use this checklist to compare the Edmonton [communities](#) you visit when deciding which condo to downsize to.

Community Factors	Community 1: _____	Community 2: _____	Community 3: _____	Community 4: _____
Shopping Options				
Health Services				
Major Route Access				
Proximity to Transit				
Proximity to Downtown				
Green Spaces Nearby				
Building Amenities				
Building Security				