



As a former local government sheltered housing manager, for many years, I have professional experience assisting families manage the often overwhelming task of moving possessions from family homes into smaller living spaces.

I have helped many relatives organise homes after the loss of a loved one. Assisting with everything from arranging charity donations, organising household items and paperwork to packing, liaising with storage companies and ensuring valuables and sentimental items are treated as they should be.

I can allow you space to grieve. Time to focus on other important areas of your life. I can ease the pressure by clearing, sorting and honouring your loved ones home and possessions in the same way you would.

I offer a practical home clearance service delivered with compassion, empathy and a wealth of experience.

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A GUIDE TO CLEARING THE HOME



TIPS AND ADVICE
ON CLEARING A LOVED ONE'S HOME

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WHERE TO START?

Clearing the home of a loved one can be an emotional and overwhelming prospect.

This short guide is designed to help you navigate this difficult time, to help you decide where to begin and to help avoid the mistakes many of us make when under pressure.

When working with clients I like to follow these steps to ensure every item is considered, honoured and relocated or preserved accordingly.

FAMILY FIRST

1. Family first, Avoid conflict, discuss with friends and relatives which items are meaningful to them before clearing. It can help to think of one room at a time and the items it holds. This can ensure nothing sentimental to anyone is discarded.

CLEAR WASTE

2. Remove rubbish This will clear space to focus on important items. Check bathrooms for used products, empty the fridge and cupboards of food.

VITAL DOCUMENTS

3. Paperwork Box up important documents. Keep these accessible to refer to when needed.

PROMISED ITEMS

4. Promised possessions, If there are items that have already been allocated a new home move them out if you can. If not, label them clearly or box them up ready for collection, this will lessen the risk of them being accidentally sold or donated.

GENERAL PERSONAL ITEMS

5. General Towels, bedding, cookware and crockery often holds little sentimental value and tend to be less emotionally taxing to sort than more personal possessions.

SELL, DONATE & GIFTING ITEMS

6. Sell, donate and gift what you can. Be mindful. As mentioned, everyday items can hold memories for some family members.

CLOTHING

7. Clothing, memorable outfits can be nice to keep and have re-purposed into soft furnishings or even toy teddy bears for younger family members. These can make for wonderful and easy to store keepsakes. Designer labels and vintage clothing can be valuable. If unsure, leave to one side to revisit later.

TREASURED POSSESSIONS

8. Personal items are always the most emotional to sort through. If holding onto these is not possible a photograph can be nice to look back on.

CREATIVITY IS THE KEY

9. Get creative. Inherited furniture that may not work in your home can be repainted or re-purposed. Fabrics can be reinvented into keepsakes. Photos can be stored digitally or made into photo books. Scrapbooks work well for handwritten letters and memories collected over the years.

We often attach significant meaning to 'things'. In truth, when they are no longer within our grasp the memories will still remain. Just having a few treasured items will not bring less joy than holding onto it all. If you feel you would benefit from practical support please get in touch. I can work alongside you, at your own pace and support you through what can be a difficult process.

