

# Downsizing Checklist: Things To Consider

## Step One: Assess Your Current Situation

- Are you currently using all the rooms in your home?
- Are your monthly housing costs exceeding 30% of your income?
- Do you feel safe comfortable navigating your current home (e.g. stairs and yard)
- Are you spending more time than you'd like on home maintenance and repairs?
- Do you feel isolated or disconnected from your current neighbourhood?

## Step Two: Clarify Your Goals

- I want to reduce monthly expenses
- I want a simpler, low-maintenance lifestyle.
- I'd like to be closer to family or friends.
- I want to access home equity for retirement, travel, or investments.
- I'm looking for a home that supports aging in place (single-level, elevator access etc)
- I want to live in a more social or age-friendly community.

## Step Three: Define Your Ideal New Home

- Condo, townhome or smaller house?
- One level or elevator access?
- Walkable to shops, transit and parks?
- 55+ community or no age restrictions?
- Pet friendly?
- Need for storage, guest space or home office?
- Proximity to healthcare or specific services?

## Step Four: Research Locations

There are so many neighbourhoods in Greater Victoria! Check out my blog about the best neighbourhoods for downsizing in the area!

## Step Five: Plan the Transition

- Declutter and donate or sell items
- Chat with me and we will create a plan!



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