

# Estate Cleanout Planner

A respectful order of operations for clearing a loved one's home — at your family's pace. · Recommended size: 20 yard · 14-day rental

## Planning timeline

**First:** Documents: deeds, titles, financial and legal papers — one box, one person

**Second:** Valuables and heirlooms: photograph, decide, distribute

**Third:** Donations: usable furniture and clothing do good and shrink the haul

**Fourth:** Book the dumpster — everything remaining goes in one decisive push

**Ongoing:** Out-of-town family: alternate weekends on a 14-day rental

## Safety reminders

- Pace the emotional work — the physical work will wait
- Two people on furniture; the rear doors and a dolly do the rest
- Check pockets, drawers, and book pages — valuables hide
- Set aside old chemicals, paint, and medical items; they can't ride

## Dumpster sizing

A typical single home clears with one 20-yard and sometimes a swap. The 14-day rental exists for exactly this — book it up front instead of racing a weekend.

## Tips from the pros

- Do documents first even if the family wants to start elsewhere
- Photograph heirlooms before distributing — it prevents disputes
- Text us placement photos and the can is waiting when you arrive
- One decisive dumpster push beats a month of trailer trips

## Recycling suggestions

- Furniture and clothing donations honor the estate — schedule pickups
- Books: libraries and Friends groups take boxes
- Metal: bring us a metal load and the dump fee is waived

## Common mistakes to avoid

- Dumpstering before the document sweep
- Letting the house sit for a year because the job feels too big
- Refrigerant appliances in the can — they need certified handling first
- Racing a 3-day rental when the 14-day costs little more

### Project notes

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