



Prepare Your House for Sale

Declutter and Reclaim Useful Space

In real estate, buyers buy space. The more space you're able to show, whether it be living or storage space, the more you're able to ask for your house. Unfortunately, that's easier said than done. Many people are packrats. Rooms have too much furniture and you'll find stuff jammed in every nook and cranny. There's little space for walking sometimes, much less for living. Decluttering is the process of reclaiming the space in your house from years of accumulation.

TAKE INVENTORY AND CATEGORIZE

Go through each room of the house and focus on one area at a time. Separate items into these three categories:

Trash

- ▶ Expired food and medications
- ▶ Dated newspapers and magazines
- ▶ Broken items that can't be easily fixed

Donate/Sell

Consider donating items that are in good condition but of no further use to you. Another option is selling them on websites such as Facebook Marketplace, LetGo or Craigslist.

- ▶ Clothing, shoes and accessories that are out of style or no longer fit
- ▶ Electronics that have been replaced: old computers, TVs, stereo equipment, phones, etc.

Keep

Take this category very seriously. Ask yourself the following questions and answer them honestly:

- ▶ Do you know what it does?
- ▶ Did you even remember that you have it?
- ▶ Have you used it since your last move?

If you answered 'no' to any of these questions, then you should consider moving the item to one of the other piles.

RESTORE ROOMS TO CORE FUNCTIONS

Give the rooms a functional identity and return them to their original intended use. For example, if your living room is doubling as an exercise room, change it back to a living room. When the rooms are in disarray with mixed functions, buyers will likely think the design of your house isn't laid out very well or worse, they'll think a room is missing altogether.

DEPERSONALIZE

You want your buyers to visualize themselves living in your house, not you living in it. Personal artifacts are distracting so you have to put them away – photographs, souvenirs, trophies, medals, certificates, posters, religious items and family heirlooms.

PACK FOR MOVING

Once you've thrown away all the junk, returned other people's things, donated all the stuff you don't need and returned the rooms to their core functions, the house will feel a whole lot lighter and spacious. Create even more space by packing overstocked, seasonal or rarely used items. Store the boxed items in an offsite storage location or in a corner of the attic, basement or crawlspace.

Recycling, Hauling, and Donation Options

Decluttering Your Home? Need a Place to Recycle or Give Away Your Old Treasures?

DISPOSE AND RECYCLE

HAYS COUNTY:

Hays County Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Centers
hayscountytexas.com

Driftwood Location:

100 Darden Hill Rd., Driftwood, 78619
512.216.5235

Wimberley Location:

1691 Carney Ln., Wimberley, 78676
512.618.7175

Sheffield Recycling

1111 Longhorn Trl., Wimberley, 78676
512.799.6691

TRAVIS COUNTY:

Austin Community Landfill

9900 Giles Rd., Austin, 78754
512.272.4329

austincommunitylandfill.wm.com

Austin Recycle and Resuse

Drop-Off Center

2514 Business Center Dr., Austin, 78744
512.974.4343 | austintexas.gov/dropoff

Texas Disposal Systems Landfill

3016 FM-1327, Creedmoor, 78610
512.421.1363 | texasdisposal.com

TDS Transfer Station

4001 Ranch Rd. 620 S., Bee Cave, 78738
512.263.5265 | texasdisposal.com

Travis County Landfill

9600 FM-812, Austin, 78719
512.243.6300 | wasteconnections.com

WILLIAMSON COUNTY:

Al Clawson Disposal, Inc.

8600 IH-35 N., Georgetown, 78626
512.930-5490 | clawsondisposal.com

Cedar Park Disposal

cedarparktexas.gov/bulktrash

Hutto Recycling Center

101 Landfill Rd., Hutto, 76574
512.846.2756

williamsoncountylandfill.wm.com

IT Recycling Group

Electronics Recycling
5050 Hwy. 29 E., Georgetown, 78626
512.846.1826 | itrecyclinggroup.com

Round Rock Recycling Center and Household Hazardous Waste Center

310 Deepwood Dr., Round Rock, 78681
512.218.5559 | roundrocktexas.gov

TDS Transfer Station

250 W.L. Walden Rd.
Georgetown, 78626
512.930.1415 | texasdisposal.com

Wilco Recycling

9801 Chandler Rd., Taylor, 76574
512.949.3671 | wilcorecycling.com

Williamson County Landfill

600 Landfill Rd., Hutto, 78634
512.759.8881
williamsoncountylandfill.wm.com

HAUL AWAY

1-800-GOT-JUNK?

800.468.5865 | 1800gotjunk.com

Bagster

877.789.2247 | thebagster.com

Cohesion Hauling

512.731.5361 | cohesionhauling.com

Gorilla Junk Removal

512.897.1849 | gorillajunk.com

Haul Guys

512.674.0000 | haulguys.com

Humpback Junk Removal

512.637.7779 | humpbackjunk.com

iHaul Austin

512.864.4177 | ihaulaustin.com

Junk Busters USA

512.249.5500 | junkbusters-usa.com

JunkGuys Austin

512.222.4400

Smiley's Junk Removal and Recycling

512.787.1319 | smileysjunkremoval.com

DONATE

Goodwill of Central Texas

More than 60 donation locations – visit their website to find one near you.
goodwillcentraltexas.org

The Salvation Army

salvationarmyaustin.org | satruck.org

Dropoff Locations:

- ▶ 4216 S. Congress Ave., 78745
512.447.4044
- ▶ 8801 B Research Blvd., 78758
512.836.2700
- ▶ 601 W. Louis Henna Blvd., 78728
512.246.7292

Savers Thrift Store

savers.com

North Austin:

5222 Burnet Rd., #600, Austin, 78756
512.323.0707

Cedar Park:

11101 Pecan Park Blvd., 78613
512.257.0359

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

901 W. Braker Ln., Austin, 78758
512.442.5652 | svdpaustinstore.org



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