5 Self-Storage Tips for Helping Parents Downsize



Helping your parents downsize is a big responsibility, and our experienced managers and friendly teams are here to make sure the process is as seamless as possible.

Don't Put it Off

- Introduce the topic early
- Validate the concerns and feelings of the aging parent or parents through the process
- Rent a storage space to buy time, so that the process can be done at the speed that makes sense for everyone involved

Don't Underestimate the Task

- Downsizing from 3000-5000 square foot homes into spaces that are less than half of that is a significant task
- There are a lot of items that are simply not going to fit in the new space
- Self-storage units allow the downsizing process to be broken down into manageable chunks of time

Maintain Respect

- Belongings can be important to people for many different reasons
- The downsizing process should be attempted with the utmost respect for the feelings of the aging parents
- Storage organization and the rental of a storage space allow the aging parent the time to carefully decide which items will stay in the family and which will be sold or donated

Donate Creatively

- Creative solutions and strategies for donating hard to part with items allows parents to feel better about the transition
- Make sure that valuables get into the hands of family members who want them
- Ensure that things like books get into the hands of local librarians

Choose Peace of Mind

- Having a storage space on hand for the downsizing process can bring peace of mind for the aging parent
- Storage organization and solutions mean that family heirlooms can be stored safely away if they are not ready to be parted with
- Belongings that need more sorting can be stored for when there is time to go through them

