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HOW TO DECLUTTER AND WHAT TO PURGE

You, or a family member who has deceased, have collected a lifetime of stuff. Is it worth anything? Does it matter to you? If you're managing a deceased estate, moving or downsizing, maybe you just want to get rid of things and simplify your life.

Here are a few tips about decluttering your home and what you can purge. There is plenty of debate on this. Liquidators will tell you not to throw anything out because you may not know what is valuable. But they will and they'll buy it from you before it ever gets into a sale. And maybe that's just fine. The situation is more about finding the buyer. Some old vintage items have value to someone, but you may have to list them on several online auction sites and wait a year. If you're okay with that then keep the items and list them somewhere. However, if you are downsizing, moving, or trying to move on into a new life-era (like retiring) you might just want to let them go.

Here are a few things to keep or try to sell that might be worth something

Check [eBay](https://www.ebay.com) to get an idea of what's popular and what's selling. However, there are hundreds of online thrift stores and online auctions out there - places to post your oddities and collectables.

It's just a matter of how much time you want to spend managing these items.

- Vintage toys, particularly Legos
- Vintage vehicles even from the 80s and '90s.
- Vintage cameras and typewriters in working condition
- Vintage couture, handbags and shoes
- Real designer pieces (Hermes or Louis Vuitton)
- Surprisingly, in my opinion, Pokémon things



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- Comic books - particularly older vintage and rare ones. Before throwing any of these out or donating them, have them checked out or do some research on your own.
- Rare coins and stamps
- Again, surprisingly to me, Vintage Cabbage Patch Kids, even though there are millions out there and not really “vintage”
- Old board games like an old Monopoly set but it needs to be in pretty decent condition
- Old computers and components
- Some old movies and concert posters
- Vintage clothes

Here are quite a few things that are no longer valuable or only worth a few dollars. If there are millions of them on the market, they're just not valuable. You decide if it's worth your time to try to sell them at an estate sale.

- Non-designer clothes like Anne Klein, Ann Taylor, Chico’s
- Metal pie tins, margarine containers, used pantyhose and underwear, socks
- Beanie babies (I know you were told they'd be valuable one day...but no) unless they have defects or rare features
- Boxed Barbies (there are millions of them out there), again, unless somehow unique
- Things that were manufactured to be collectibles, like collector plates, mugs
- Porcelain dolls and figurines like Precious Moments and Hummels
- Thomas Kinkade and Patrick Nagel prints
- Norman Rockwell collectors’ plates (but his prints still have value)
- Model train sets (very rare buyers)
- General baseball card collections (but some are worth something, so get an appraisal)
- Vinyl records and vintage band T-shirts, but it depends

