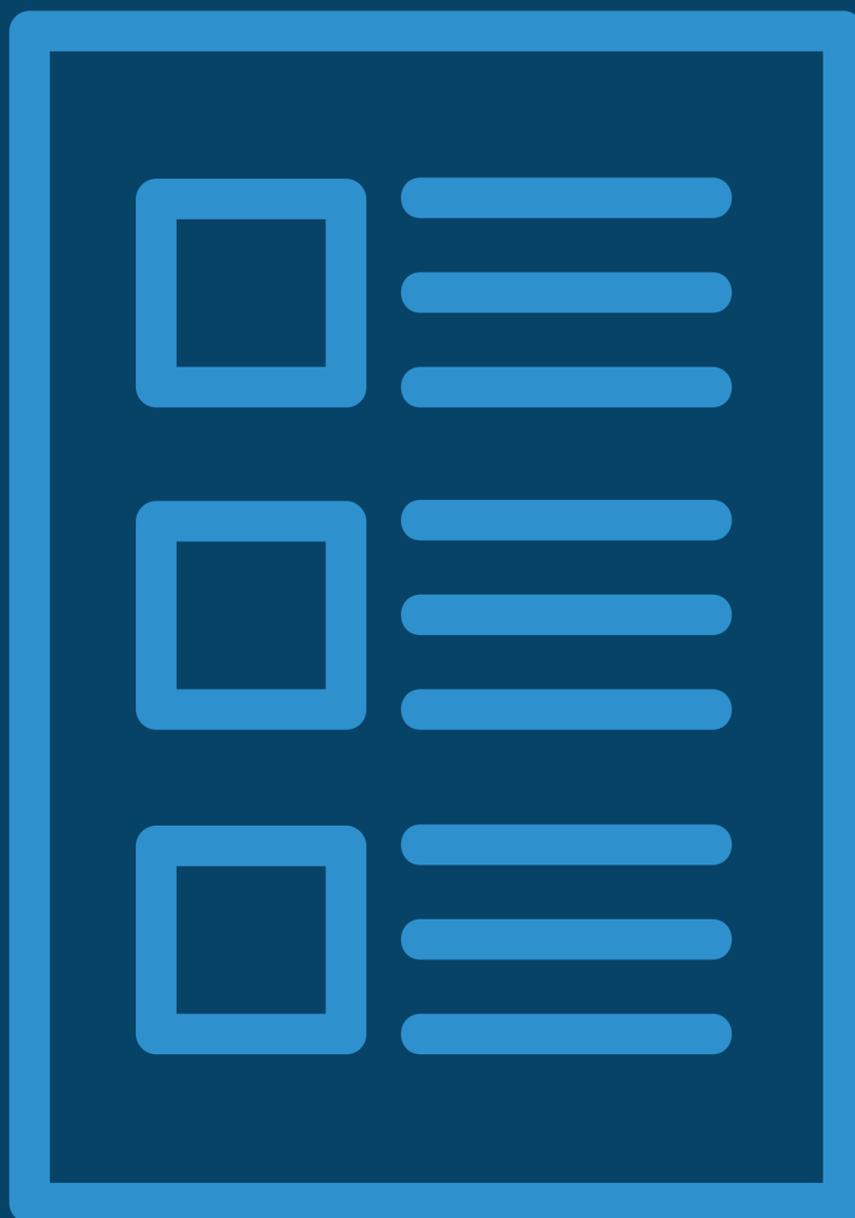


THE ULTIMATE
RIGHTSIZING
CHECKLIST

START TODAY!

Get ready for your next chapter



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For many homeowners, rightsizing their home can be the start of a new chapter but the process can take some time and consideration with a rightsize taking anywhere from a few months to around 12 months.

Twelve months before LIFESTYLE AND LOCATION

- Have a conversation about rightsizing with your partner, friends, or anyone else you trust. Use the conversation to discuss why you would like to rightsize .
- Decide on a location or two that you'd like to live in. Once you know your favourites it will help narrow down the search list of places to live.
- Consider the range of lifestyles to choose from – sea change or tree change? Stay in the area you know? Live closer to amenities or families?
- If it's still not clear on where you want to live, create a list of pros and cons and score them to see which option wins.



Nine months before DE-CLUTTER

- Start to think about clearing your clutter, getting rid of unwanted items in your wardrobes, cupboards and garage to give away to charity or sell online or in a garage sale. One of the benefits to rightsizing your home is the ability to reduce excessive furniture, electronics, appliances, trinkets and items that may not be used anymore or do not serve a purpose.
- Action, finish and file away your important paperwork (Wills, POAs, etc) – make copies and send to your solicitor or someone you trust.
- Review your finances and do the numbers on what you can afford to spend on a new home.



Six months before PREPARATION

- Put your best foot forward and commence those last DIY jobs around the house to prepare it for sale ensuring it's well-presented for the type of buyer for such a home. Neaten up your landscaping and tidy the garden. Start to interview real estate agents and plan your sale strategy. If you're expecting a 90 or 120 day settlement, now is the time to commit to this.
- Start making enquiries into where you want to live. Take tours of their display homes, review the floor plans, enquire about prices and what's currently available or coming up. Now that you're on your way to finalising the sale of your family home you should be in a good position to secure your brand new home – attend open homes, visit communities and start a conversation with your local sales manager to work out what's the best solution. In some instances you can place a small deposit to secure your new home while you finalise the sale of your family home.

4 weeks before

FINALISE AND START LIVING YOUR NEW LIFESTYLE

- Book removalists and commence conversations with utilities providers to arrange connections for electricity, gas and water.
- Pay a final settlement balance on your new home.
- Start packing up, taking your rightsized essentials with you... or this is the time to now go shopping for new furnishing and homewares?
- Collect your keys, move in and relax... enjoy your brand new home and rightsized lifestyle.



If you are overwhelmed by the thought of such a lengthy to do list and don't know where to start, make one call Care to Move to get the whole job done.

By creating a personalised plan that will be implemented at a pace that you can manage, we will make what is often a stressful, exhausting process a calm and organised start to your next chapter.



Need help to rightsize?

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