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Need to Get Your Home Ready To Sell? Then here are the “Keys” To **Simplify & Declutter Your Home** from this episode of “1SlickHome Unlocked” **PLUS SOME BONUS KEYS JUST FOR YOU!**

Extra keys to wowing home buyers by making less more!

Key 1: Pack It Up:

- You're moving...if you don't truly need it start packing it up. Now's the time to pack up extra furniture & decorative items. Plus Clean & clear surfaces: floors, cupboards, closets
- make your home feel bigger.
- And create passing room for a better flow through your home.

Key 2: Store It Away:

- Get boxes or plastic bins, start putting things in order and labeling so you know what's inside
- Store them in the garage, basement, a friend or family member's home or a storage locker temporarily to save \$\$\$
- Keep boxes & bins away from mechanicals (electric, water, furnace for inspections).

Key 3: Toys and Children:

- Put toys in bins for children to pull out 1 bin at a time and introduce a new bin of toys after they put their other toys away...this makes old toys new & keeps your home neat even with active children.

Key 4: Donate Clothes You Never Wear:

- Make it easier to identify items you never wear, simply hang all your clothes with hangers in the reverse direction. After wearing an item, face the hanger in the correct direction. Then simply discard or donate the clothes you never wore after a few months.
- Local thrift shops typically have clothing donation areas and will happily take your clothes that no longer fit or that are out of style for you. Meanwhile, you are helping other people and helping to clean out your closets at the same time.

Key 5: View Your Home as a First-Time Visitor or Buyer:

- Start by going through your home as if you have never been to your home. Look for areas that you can clean up or simplify first.
- Next have a friend or family member do the same this will give you a more objective opinion of what needs to be done.
- Finally have your listing agent review your home as if they were a first-time visitor and give you recommendations for each room. This will help you make changes progressively and make final staging and simplification easier.

Key 6: Take Emotion Out of the Process:

- You've made the decision to sell your home, now it has become business and you want to make a profit on your home.
- Your mindset should become that this will not be my home soon, I will be moving and this will become someone else's home so they need to see their vision of your home easily.
- You want to put your home in the best position to sell for the most money and in the fewest days on market. To do that you need to remove, pack up or donate items that create clutter in your home even if they have sentimental value.

Key 7: Use the 4 Box Method:

- Start with four boxes then label them: *trash, give away, keep, or re-locate*. One room at a time, starting with any room, place each item in the room into one of the following boxes. Don't skip a single item, no matter how insignificant you may think it is. This may take a few days, but with persistence it will help you see how many items you really own and you'll know exactly what to do with each item.

No matter which of these decluttering tips you choose begin with to get the ball rolling – your goal should be to take your first steps in decluttering your life with excitement behind it. And utilizing these keys will **simplify your home** and give it the **wow factor that sells it faster!**