

Are you ready to  
downsize?





## Thinking about downsizing?

Deciding to move out of your current home to a smaller house can be a difficult and emotional decision. However, for many, downsizing or “rightsizing” can be a sensible and positive move that can offer a range of benefits.

Signs you may be ready to downsize:

- You’re not using every space in your home
- You feel overwhelmed by the amount of maintenance your home needs
- You’re struggling with the rising costs of running your home
- You’re finding it tricky to climb the stairs
- You’d like to be closer to family so that you could see them more often
- You feel ready for a lifestyle change– time for some travel adventures?

## What are the benefits of downsizing?

Downsizing could have a positive impact on your lifestyle, both in the short-term and long-term. If you’re feeling overwhelmed by your home’s upkeep costs or insurance, downsizing your home will also help downsize your bills. This could free up money to add to your pension, to make lifestyle changes or to spoil the grandchildren with.

When staying in one place for an extended period of time, it’s natural to accumulate and store more items than you really need. Moving into a smaller home will help you to organise and prioritise your belongings, so you can live free from stress and clutter.

Downsizing could also help you look towards the future. A smaller house will be easier to get around and maintain as you get older.

## How do I start downsizing?

If you feel ready to start a new chapter in your life but don't know where to start, we can help you to evaluate your needs. We can assess what home may suit you best by considering the points below:

### What kind of home do you picture yourself moving in to?

Could this be a smaller version of the home you already have? Do you want to get rid of stairs? Is your garden too big? Or would you like to be in a retirement development where you have facilities nearby and support when you might need it?

### What size home do you need?

How much furniture do you have? And how much space will you need? Is there something specific you need, such as a spare room for guests or a large living room big enough to fit your treasured piano?

### How will your home function?

Do you picture yourself staying there for the next 10 years or so? Would a house still be suitable or would a bungalow be a better option?

### Where do you want to be?

Location- Are you moving to be closer to family or are you moving from the countryside to be within walking distance to local shops and amenities?

### What will make your house a home?

Do you want a kitchen garden to grow some vegetables? Or a bigger kitchen because you love to bake or cook for the family? These are important additional features that can be considered when looking for that perfect home.

### How much will it cost?

Selling, buying and moving home doesn't come cheap and cutting corners by using cheaper online estate agents or not paying for professional removers may actually cost you more in the long run. We are here to help you make these difficult discussions, and to help you to secure competitive fees for professional services.



It is important to consider all the associated costs so you can set a realistic moving budget. Likely costs for selling, buying and moving include: Estate agency fees, mortgage redemption penalties, legal fees, survey costs, removal fees and stamp duty.

For further information about downsizing or to arrange a meeting to discuss how Cotswold Move Manager can support you, please contact us on

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