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Spring 2021

## How to Declutter Your Home in Time for Moving Day

Moving can be a stressful and hectic experience, but it doesn't have to be! The more prepared you are before moving day, the better. If you can get rid of some unwanted items before you move, that means less junk that needs to be packed and unpacked.

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## Check out the 6 steps you can take before you move to declutter and set yourself up for moving success

### 1. Start early!

You can start sorting your unwanted items into “purge piles” before you even list your home.

### 2. Set aside enough time

Aim to spend an hour or two planning and then an additional two or three hours per room to declutter and clean. Make sure to plan to spend time on outdoor spaces too; sheds, outdoor play areas and living spaces are often forgotten until the last minute.

### 3. Clean out your closets

Set aside any clothes you haven't worn in a year or more. If they're still in good condition pass them on to your local donation center!

### 4. Dig into storage rooms

If there's something that's been sitting in a box for years, don't take it with you to your new place, as it will just contribute to clutter.

### 5. Get rid of large items

Do you have old furniture or bulky items you don't need?

Plan to get rid of them before moving day so you aren't left with the task the day of.

### 6. Haul it away!

Once you've sorted everything you want to get rid of, schedule **1-800-GOT-JUNK?** and take advantage of their \$40-off promotion through Home Connections. ■

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## Spring Inspiration

## Give your Front Door a Dose of Fresh Color



**Refreshing your door with a glossy new coat of paint is a quick way to make a lasting first impression.**

**A Case for Contrast**

Most exterior paint colors and materials lean toward neutral shades, so a colorful front door is a chance to express your personal style through a central exterior architectural feature. Adding a statement color to the front door is also an easy way to uplift the façade of a home while complementing the architecture and surrounding landscape.

**Warm Welcome**

Hot shots of red, yellow or orange are naturally warm and exuberant. Vivid accent colors make a strong design statement but mix surprisingly well with most other shades, especially the neutrals most often used as the primary color of a house.

**Stay Cool**

Green, gray and blue doors are a naturally gracious expression for the entrance to your home, especially when they contrast with a house's warm undertones. For impact, search for saturated colors that will pop from surrounding architecture.

**Notes on Harmony**

Take your color cues from inside the house to pick a paint color you'll love. Think about the colors of the space your door will open into. Pull a strong accent color from those spaces for color continuity or choose a more saturated shade of a primary interior color.

Sustaining your front door's depth of color is achievable with Aura Grand Entrance paint from Benjamin Moore. As durable as it is beautiful, this paint is specially formulated to retain color and gloss, whatever the weather. ■

*Source: Benjamin Moore*



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# Market Forces at Work

Supply Constraints and Buyer Demand Pushes US Home Price Annual Appreciation to 15-Year High in February, CoreLogic Reports



Home prices continued to increase in February, reaching the highest annual gain since April 2006, as demand continues to clash with historically low supply. These factors have created increased affordability challenges, especially as mortgage rates also begin to rise.

CoreLogic analysis also shows homebuyers have steadily moved away from densely populated, high-cost coastal areas in favor of more affordable suburban locales. The number of homebuyers in the top 10 metros with the largest net out-migration — including West

Coast metros like Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose — who chose to move to another metro increased by 3 percentage points in 2020 to 21% from 2019. This sentiment is reflected in CoreLogic's recent consumer survey, which found that 57% of current non-homeowners on the West Coast feel the home options in their area are not at all affordable.

"Homebuyers are experiencing the most competitive housing market we've seen since the Great Recession," said Frank Martell, president and CEO of CoreLogic.

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"Rising mortgage rates and severe supply constraints are pushing already-overheated home prices out of reach for some prospective buyers, especially in more expensive metro areas. As affordability challenges persist, we may see more potential homebuyers priced out of the market and a possible slowing of price growth on the horizon." ■

Source: Business Wire

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