



## 9 DECLUTTERING TIPS: YOUR ELECTRONICS

Moving is a good time to pare down old and unused belongings. Start with old electronic devices.

### WHY DECLUTTER YOUR TECH?



**Safety.** Tangled cords can pose a fire hazard.<sup>1</sup> Cables left on the floor can cause a fall.



**Cost savings.** An average **1,000-mile move** for a multi-bedroom home with **7,500 pounds** of stuff costs **\$4,890**. (The cost depends partly on the weight of your items.<sup>2</sup>)

### BEFORE YOU TOSS ...

**Guard against ID theft.** Your computer or cellphone may contain private information including your Social Security number. Wipe your hard drive before you toss your device.<sup>3</sup>



**Pop out old batteries.** Remove and safely dispose of or recycle the batteries in your old devices.<sup>4</sup>



### HOW TO DISPOSE OF OR RECYCLE



**Donate old devices.** Look for a local nonprofit seeking donated devices.



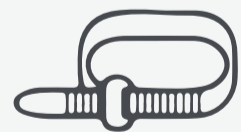
**Recycle electronics.** Recycling **1 million** laptops saves enough energy to power **3,500** homes for a year. Recycling a million cellphones recovers **772 pounds** of silver and **75 pounds** of gold.<sup>5</sup>

### KEEP THEM TIDY

**Plug in properly.** Once you've moved into your new home, create a safe, organized space. Plug into a UL designated power strip with surge protection to help keep your devices safe during storms.



**Untangle your cords.** Use cable ties to keep cables and cords organized.



**Insure your safety.** Take one more key step to protect yourself, your family and your home: Get a homeowners insurance quote.



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Learn more about how to declutter your home.  
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<sup>1</sup><https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Top-fire-causes/Electrical>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.moving.com/movers/moving-cost-calculator.asp>

<sup>3</sup><https://us.norton.com/internetsecurity-how-to-wipe-your-old-drive-clean.html>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.epa.gov/recycle/electronics-donation-and-recycling>

