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Estate Contents Checklist

For executors, trustees, and families handling a loved one's belongings. Keep this with the estate file.

BEFORE ANYTHING LEAVES THE HOUSE

- ☐ Don't throw away, donate, or sell items yet. Things that look like junk often sell.
- ☐ Secure the home: change or collect keys, stop deliveries, set the thermostat.
- ☐ Photograph each room as you found it.
- ☐ Remove cash, jewelry, firearms, and important papers to a safe place.
- ☐ Agree with heirs, in writing, on any items family will keep.

DOCUMENTS TO GATHER

- ☐ Letters of authority, trust papers, or guardianship order
- ☐ Will or trust instructions about personal property
- ☐ Vehicle, boat, and trailer titles
- ☐ Firearm records and any appraisals or receipts for valuables
- ☐ Storage unit, safe deposit box, and outbuilding keys

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

1. **Free walkthrough.** We review the contents, timeline, and any deadlines.
2. **Written agreement.** Commission and costs in writing, signed by the person with authority.
3. **Sort, photograph, catalog.** Every lot documented and described.
4. **Online auction.** Marketed to our bidder list and buyers nationwide.
5. **Pickup & cleanout.** Supervised pickup, then what's left is cleared.
6. **Itemized settlement.** Every lot and price, and proceeds paid to the estate.

QUESTIONS TO ASK ANY AUCTION COMPANY

- ☐ Is the auctioneer licensed in Ohio?
- ☐ Will I get an itemized settlement statement?
- ☐ What exactly is the commission, and are there other fees?
- ☐ Who handles pickup, and what happens to unsold items?
- ☐ Can you also handle the real estate?

Real estate, too: David Wyeth is a licensed Ohio auctioneer and a REALTOR® with CENTURY 21 Frank Frye Real Estate. The house can be sold at auction or listed traditionally on the same timeline as the contents.

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