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## Enlist a pro

A professional designer will help you figure out what will work where and what won't. Grubb knew right away that certain pieces wouldn't work, but he let Bragman try them anyway.

"He would say, 'We'll see,'" said Bragman, "when he really meant, 'It won't work.'"

## Be realistic about value

"I had a lot of custom furniture made," Bragman said, "pieces that I really loved but that didn't transfer well to the new home. I learned they were not worth much."

He sold some for small amounts and gave a lot away. "New furniture is like a new car; it depreciates the minute you drive it off the lot," Grubb added. Plus, today's

used furniture market is flooded.

## Discover the upside of downsizing

"I loved my farmhouse, but this is more my style," Bragman said. "It feels great. I feel like I lost weight. I have everything I need and nothing I don't. When I visit someone who lives in a much larger, extravagant home, I appreciate it, but I thank God I don't have it. I wish more people knew that if they scaled back, they could be so much happier. I do not regret letting go of anything. They're things."

Marni Jameson is the author of six home and lifestyle books, including "What to Do With Everything You Own to Leave the Legacy You Want," "Downsizing the Family Home — What to Save, What to Let Go," and "Downsizing the Blended Home — When Two Households Become One." She can be contacted at [www.marnijameson.com](http://www.marnijameson.com).



Cool and clean — In the kitchen and breakfast area, rich, blue cabinets (Dunn Edwards Luna Pier) blend with warm, gray countertops, as satin brass hardware and a split-finish chandelier add sheen.

# R&G Properties for SALE *Call for your appointment!*

HD-473400



**4430 McLane Pike, Red House**  
**\$119,000**  
 2:00-4:00 PM

Great home, great location, nice size lot and comes with a working generator.  
 DIRECTIONS: Cross Winfield bridge towards Eleanor, take right off bridge, next left going up the hill, approx 6 miles on the right



**12 Arlington Court, Charleston**  
**\$179,900**  
 2:00-4:00 PM

Wonderful townhome in historic Charleston neighborhood known for beautiful greenery & friendly community. Move to the heart of the city, steps from downtown restaurants, stores, Clay Center, & Capitol campus. Beautiful hardwoods, open concept kitchen with exposed brick. 4 BR, 1-Full / 2 half BAs and so much more!  
 DIRECTIONS: Located between Quarrier & Lee Streets between Morris & Brooks Streets. Park on Quarrier and go down walkway, unit is on right.



**1604 Clark Road, Charleston**  
**\$229,900**  
 2:00-4:00 PM

Awesome one story home situated on a great lot in a quiet part of South Hills. Close to George Washington and John Adams. Home has great family room with beamed ceiling and built in train - built in bookshelves and gas log fireplace - original hardwoods under carpet through original part of home - added room could be bedroom or all season room - newer roof - unfinished basement with great workshop area.



**3308 Virginia Ave SE, Charleston**  
**\$289,900**  
 2:00-4:00 PM

New fence - Tree removal - new thermostat - new lock on front - reworked kitchen cabinets - outside lighting. Walk to hospital Furniture is for sale with home.

Please Park in the Rear of the House.  
 DIRECTIONS: Exit 98 / 35th Street Bridge right Staunton Ave, right onto 34th Street SE, turn left onto Virginia Ave SE, Carport in back.

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