

<b>things that are hard to get rid of</b>	<b>why are they hard to get rid of?</b>	<b>what about getting rid of half?</b>
children's books, clothes, and toys	kids will want them some day	some of them are wrecked already & could be jettisoned
little red wagon	sentimental value	useful for hauling things so keep it
christmas decorations, lots & lots	they make christmas christmas	jettison the greeneries, lots & lots
archives	they're heirlooms	can sacrifice my icky teenage diaries
games	we might play them	half of them we'll never play again
ancestral bed (specialty-sized mattress)	it's an heirloom	can't cut it in half, for pete's sake
grandmother's china and linens	they're heirlooms	a few of the linens are pretty tattered
doctor & health reference books	i'll need to refer to them	can get rid of ones from the '70s-'80s
musical instruments, lots	they're hard to replace	if the kids don't want them, why keep them? we can't even play them -
bicycles	moving to a bike-friendly place	i can't even ride my 10-speed anymore, so can give that away
camping gear	i want to go camping	can pare it down to camping for 2
garden tools	i want a big old garden	ditch ones that are too beat to last
futons	need them to sleep ourselves & all of our many guests	toss out the several old stained flat ones and replace with one new one
fold-out couch	for our many guests to sleep upon	it's very uncomfortable so it can go
knitting needles	i actually do use them quite a bit	i don't use the really really little ones
tv's - how did we get all these tv's?!	i looove watching movies	keep tom edgar's, get rid of the rest
videos & dvds	rare finds, that are hard to replace	get rid of the finds that are not rare
dining room table: plywood + 2x4s	it's so daily handy dandy	would really feel a need to replace it
art	get rid of art?!	get rid of all the torn-up, stained posters we'll never put up again
extra chairs - folding chairs, plastic chairs, lawn chairs	for all of our many guests to sit on when they are hanging out with us	we don't have any guests at all, so could cut half easily
fishtanks	hard to replace if ever want fishes	keep one setup, give away the others
my cds	i use them to make mixes	at least half of them i don't really like
towels	so we always have clean towels	get rid of the ones that are beat (lots)
comforters, blankets, pillows	for when all of our many guests stay with us	get rid of the ones that are beat - which seems to be a dominant theme here
sewing patterns	i wish i could sew these days	keep the 3 i still fit; give away the rest
cars	i have a hard time walking sometimes	give one away (jpw says sell it)
bookcases and random sets of shelves	where else can we put all the books and dvds and stuff?	don't need as many after giving away half of the books and stuff (see below)
baking gear - mixing bowls, pie and cake pans, muffin tins, rolling pins, etc	i secretly feel that i am the finest baker in all the land	last time i baked = xmas 2007. still would have difficulty tossing out half
<b>things that are easy to get rid of</b>	<b>and why</b>	<b>and how - half - or more than half</b>
extra clothes	i actually hardly have any clothes	throw away my beat holey clothes
art supplies	they are ancient, barely useable	put them out for neighborhood kids

partly finished needlework projects	oh be realistic	toss em - nobody else can use em
books books books books books books	we're not re-reading em anytime soon	donate em - books to prisoners etc.
files - 2,000 lbs of journal articles	info that's better stored in internet tubes	recycle the paper
big red couch	it's way, way beat	dumpsterize
bed & loft - plywood & 2x4s	easy to replace or beds on floors	take apart & give the wood away
plants	they will be happy living anywhere	give em away to pals
extra shoes	lord knows i'll never wear em	too beat to donate - dumpsterize
extra winter gear	don't wear all that either	salvation army
one thousand mirrors	easy to replace if feeling reflective	give em away to casual decorators
pots and pans	they are super extra beat	toss em
<b>what are we left with?</b>	<b>utility</b>	<b>morality</b>
tom edgar's television, dvd, vcr	watching movies after hard days work	not so good for brain, heart, or booty
computer stuff - laptops, printer, etc.	work and play	self-reliance
ken, the houseboy	clean dishes	actually rather a water saver
jpw's 1500 music cds (1 book of my cds)	jpw's cds make him feel safe & happy	he's rather attached to them but that's his own business & he knows it
grandma's table, mom's black table	these are some sturdy tables, people	sturdy tables are the central hearthfires of the american social world
books books books	sometimes we go to books for answers	they're portable, shareable wisdom
bookcases - maybe 4 or 5 not 7 or 10	organization stabilizes	& makes one feel more sensible
big heavy paintings, quite a few posters, many many little statues	cool art is cool to live with supporting jpw's art encourages him	effigies of holy folk are auspicious to live with
basic garden tools - shovel, hoe, rake, hose, water can & sprinkler, gloves	gardening saves money & is eco-nice	it is wholesome to be friends with the dirt
1 bike	for jpw to ride around	boo boo bad car
1 car	for me to drive around	i share
ancestral bed	if you ask me, permanent guest bed	ancestors say 'quite so, at the very least'
half the games	but we <u>would</u> keep 'don't break the ice'	merriment good
half the bedding, half the chairs	1 main rm, 1 extra rm, 1 floor space	still can house the masses at need
cooking gear, incl. pots, pans, bread machine, chopper, mixer, microwave	can still make quantities at need	real food for real lives (plus baking)
a wee bit o camping gear	enough for 2 to camp out with	outdoor adventures enlarge souls
childrens' keepsakes, archives, heirlooms, and so on	really i do expect they'll be asking after them one day	kids who can recall where they come from, can share it nicely with new kids
stuff to make stuff with	make own art and craft = thrifty	making own art/craft = crafty, artful
clothes & shoes & coats & mittens	put something on so you don't get cold	what is the morality of wearing stuff? avoid buying new stuff? look ok? ??
lamps, clocks, cleaning gear, heaters & coolers, food, baskets, cat & fish stuff	it's the scaffolding of home life	tuck in & make room for new friends.