

ESTATE & COLLECTION RESALE TRIAGE REPORT

Illustrative Sample - Mixed Family Estate / Downsizing Group

18 items/groups reviewed | Client goal: identify what deserves research and clear space efficiently

Sample only

This report uses hypothetical items to demonstrate the service format. No real client or collection is represented. It is a resale triage example, not an appraisal.

Executive Summary

Overall quality: This is a mixed household/estate group with a few pieces that justify immediate follow-up, several practical resale candidates, and a meaningful amount of material that should be grouped or cleared rather than researched one item at a time.

Strongest opportunities: The local advertising thermometer, concert program with ticket stub, marked porcelain vase, vintage Pyrex set, and sealed 1990s action figure deserve the earliest resale attention. The signed painting, coin group, and signed baseball require more caution because value depends on information that cannot be established confidently from general photos alone.

Best time-saving decision: Do not spend hours individually researching common paperbacks, modern souvenir glassware, miscellaneous cables, or the incomplete generic floral china. These are better handled in lots, locally, or through donation depending on condition and the client's space-clearing priority.

Recommended first actions: Separate the three specialist/uncertain pieces; obtain the missing marks and close-ups on the advertising and porcelain items; photograph the five strongest online-sale candidates individually; then build two or three low-value lots and clear the remainder.

Triage Snapshot

Classification	Count
Research Further	4
Online Individual Sale	4
Local / Flea Market	3
Bundle / Lot	3
Donate / Dispose	1
Specialist Evaluation	3

Item Triage Table

#	Item	Classification	Priority	Channel	Why
1	1960s Pyrex mixing bowl set	Online Individual Sale	High	Online marketplace	Recognizable collectible category; a complete color/pattern set and condition can materially affect buyer interest. Check pattern name and rim wear before listing.
2	Incomplete floral china service	Local / Flea Market	Low	Local sale / flea market	Generic partial dinnerware is bulky and breakable to ship. Unless a maker/pattern proves scarce, local movement is more efficient than individual listings.
3	Box of costume jewelry	Bundle / Lot	Medium	Online lot or local	Most unmarked costume jewelry is inefficient to research piece by piece. Pull out signed, sterling-marked, gold-filled, unusual, or obviously older pieces before lotting the rest.
4	Signed landscape oil painting	Specialist Evaluation	High	Qualified art specialist	A signature is visible but cannot be confidently read from the submitted image. Artist identity, medium, age, and originality could change the outcome substantially.
5	Loose WWII-era family photographs	Research Further	Medium	Online paper/ephemera market	Uniforms, named people, locations, military units, inscriptions, or unusual subject matter may matter more than age alone. Sort for captions and identifiable content.
6	Vintage local advertising thermometer	Research Further	High	Online individual	Local advertising can have collector demand tied to business, town, graphics, maker, and condition. The company name and lower edge markings need a closer photograph.
7	Craftsman socket and wrench group	Local / Flea Market	Medium	Local or grouped online lot	Usable branded hand tools have practical demand, but weight can erase online margins. Check for older USA-made markings or specialty pieces before selling as a working lot.
8	2000s countertop blender	Donate / Dispose	Low	Donation / local giveaway	Common modern appliance with limited upside after cleaning, testing, buyer communication, and shipping. Only reconsider if it is a desirable premium model.
9	1970s concert program + ticket stub	Online Individual Sale	High	Online memorabilia	Artist, venue, date, condition, and the matched ticket can create a specific collector audience. Verify whether there are signatures or inserts before listing.

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10	Modern souvenir shot-glass group	Bundle / Lot	Low	Local or themed lot	Common souvenir pieces generally do not justify separate listings. Group by location, casino, city, or travel theme if there is a coherent lot.
11	Jar of mixed older coins	Specialist Evaluation	High	Coin dealer / numismatic specialist	Dates and metal content are not readable enough to separate ordinary circulation coins from pieces needing specialist attention. Do not clean them.
12	Signed baseball in display cube	Specialist Evaluation	High	Sports authentication specialist	The signature cannot be attributed reliably from the photo, and authenticity is central to value. Preserve any provenance and avoid adding handling wear.
13	1930s deed and map group	Online Individual Sale	Medium	Online ephemera / local history	Named properties, towns, businesses, and visually interesting maps can attract local-history or genealogy buyers. Search the names before deciding whether to split or keep together.
14	Marked hand-painted porcelain vase	Research Further	High	Online individual if identified	The base mark and decoration style are the decision point. A sharp base photo, height, damage check, and interior/rim photos are needed before choosing a price strategy.
15	Box of 1980s-1990s common paperbacks	Bundle / Lot	Low	Local / lot / donation	Age alone does not create value. Pull first editions, niche genre runs, signed copies, unusual cover art, or scarce titles; move the balance as a cheap lot or donation.
16	Sealed 1990s action figure	Online Individual Sale	High	Online collectible market	Sealed packaging gives this a clearer collector path than loose modern toys. Confirm exact character, manufacturer, year, package condition, and variant details.
17	Obsolete cables and phone chargers	Local / Flea Market	Low	Cheap local lot / e-waste	Most miscellaneous cords are low-value and time-consuming to identify. Pull branded proprietary chargers for desirable older electronics; recycle or lot the rest.
18	Small silver-colored flatware group	Research Further	Medium	Depends on marks	Photographs do not establish whether pieces are sterling, silverplate, stainless, or mixed. Photograph every hallmark before deciding between metal value, collectible flatware, or ordinary resale.

Higher-Priority Review

Local advertising thermometer

What appears promising: The promising feature is not simply age; it is the combination of local business advertising, intact graphics, and collector crossover between advertising and regional history.

What is still uncertain: The maker, exact business name, town, size, and any restoration are not clear enough yet.

What to check next: Photograph the full face straight-on, bottom edge, maker marks, mounting holes, rust/damage, and any thermometer tube loss. Search the business name and town before setting a resale strategy.

Recommended direction: Research further first; likely individual online sale if the business or graphics prove desirable.

Signed landscape oil painting

What appears promising: A real painted surface and visible signature make it worth protecting from a quick household-sale decision.

What is still uncertain: The artist cannot be identified confidently from the image, and the work cannot be authenticated or dated from general photographs.

What to check next: Provide sharp signature, back, stretcher/canvas, frame labels, dimensions, and provenance. If the signature resolves to a listed or locally significant artist, use a qualified art specialist.

Recommended direction: Specialist evaluation before sale if artist identity appears meaningful.

Mixed older coins

What appears promising: The group contains older dates, but the photo does not support rarity or metal-content conclusions.

What is still uncertain: Key dates, mint marks, alterations, cleaning, and authenticity cannot be assessed at this distance.

What to check next: Photograph both sides of older pieces individually, especially pre-1965 U.S. silver-colored coins and anything unusual. Do not polish or clean.

Recommended direction: Specialist evaluation for any promising pieces; ordinary remainder can be grouped later.

Marked porcelain vase

What appears promising: The mark is the key evidence. Decorative porcelain ranges from common import ware to pieces with stronger maker or regional demand.

What is still uncertain: The current base image is too soft to read the mark, and rim/foot damage is not visible.

What to check next: Provide a crisp straight-on base photo, height, rim, foot, interior, and any chips, hairlines, restoration, or wear. Research the mark before pricing.

Recommended direction: Research further; individual online sale if maker/period is confirmed and condition supports it.

Practical Resale Grouping

Action bucket	Items	Reason
Photograph and list individually first	Pyrex set; concert program + ticket; deed/map group; sealed action figure	These already have a reasonably clear collector audience and do not need specialist authentication before basic resale research.
Do targeted research before deciding	Advertising thermometer; WWII photographs; porcelain vase; silver-colored flatware	A small amount of evidence can change the channel or prevent under-selling.
Keep out of a general sale until checked	Signed painting; mixed older coins; signed baseball	Authentication, specialist knowledge, or better identification is central to the decision.
Move locally or in practical lots	Floral china; Craftsman tools; souvenir glasses; common paperbacks; cords/chargers	Shipping effort and individual research are likely to consume too much time relative to the probable return.
Clear immediately unless new evidence appears	Modern blender	The client's goal includes clearing space, and the likely resale upside does not justify much labor.

What I Would Not Spend Time Doing

- Looking up every individual paperback, cord, souvenir glass, or piece of unmarked costume jewelry.
- Assigning a sale price to the painting, baseball, or coins before the key identification/authentication issue is addressed.
- Paying to ship bulky incomplete china unless the maker/pattern research produces a stronger reason.
- Cleaning coins, polishing old metal, washing paper items, or “improving” surfaces before you know what you have.

Final Action Plan

1. Set aside the signed painting, older coins, and signed baseball so they are not accidentally sold with ordinary household material.
2. Get the missing close-up photos for the advertising thermometer, porcelain vase, and flatware marks. These are the fastest information gaps to close.
3. Photograph the Pyrex set, concert program/ticket, deed/map group, and sealed action figure as individual resale candidates and perform normal sold-market research before listing.
4. Sort the jewelry and photographs only far enough to pull marked, named, military, or otherwise distinctive pieces; do not research every piece indiscriminately.
5. Create practical lots for common paperbacks, souvenir glassware, and miscellaneous lower-value material. Sell locally where shipping would consume the margin.
6. Donate, recycle, or give away the modern blender and low-value electronic cords if they do not move quickly. The objective is to preserve time and space for the stronger items.

Evidence That Would Most Improve This Report

- Straight-on close-up of the advertising thermometer company name and maker line.
- Painting signature, back, stretcher, labels, and dimensions.
- Individual coin photos with dates and mint marks; do not clean first.
- Base mark, rim, foot, interior, and height of the porcelain vase.
- Hallmarks on each silver-colored flatware piece.
- Clear signature and any provenance for the baseball.

Important limitation

This example shows what can be concluded from photographs and client-supplied context. It does not certify age, maker, authenticity, material, condition, or monetary value. When a specialist referral is recommended, the purpose is to avoid making a high-stakes decision from insufficient evidence.

Included Revision

One reasonable revision would cover corrections or reconsideration of these same submitted items after a small amount of clarifying evidence. A second batch of items, full appraisal research, or complete listing creation would be new scope.