

# Toronto Basement Cleanout Checklist

## BEFORE YOU START

- \* Measure your basement (length x width x height in feet)
- \* Estimate volume: divide cubic feet by 27 to get cubic yards
- \* Identify hazardous materials (paint, chemicals, electronics)
- \* Book bin rental 2-3 days before your start date
- \* Confirm bin placement: driveway, yard, or street (get permit if street)

## SORTING DAY

- \*  Set up 4 zones: Keep / Donate / Recycle / Junk
- \*  Work one section at a time
- \*  Box donation items - call Salvation Army or Habitat ReStore for pickup
- \*  Set aside electronics, batteries, paint for separate disposal
- \*  Move large furniture before small debris

## LOADING THE BIN

- \*  Heavy materials on the bottom (concrete, tile, soil)
- \*  Flat items next (wood, drywall, doors)
- \*  Lighter debris on top (insulation, cardboard, general junk)
- \*  Do NOT exceed the fill line on the bin sides
- \*  Never toss prohibited items (paint, chemicals, tires, propane)

## AFTER THE CLEANOUT

- \*  Sweep and vacuum the empty space
- \*  Check for moisture, mold, or structural issues
- \*  Call for bin pickup when full or at end of rental period
- \*  Take before/after photos for records
- \*  Plan next steps: insulation, framing, finishing

