

Homesteading in Retirement: Your Dreams Can Be A Reality



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You've worked hard, played hard, and accomplished what you set out to do with your career. Now it's time to retire. However, you may not be quite ready to quit working just yet. Perhaps you want to work on something of your own, like a homestead. Your homesteading hobby is just around the corner — after you buy a bigger house and invest in the things you need for your

brand-new lifestyle. So what do you need to accomplish [this move](#)? And what can you do once you get there? Here are some tips for finding the perfect home that will become a sanctuary for you and your family:

Look for the right land.

Any homesteader will tell you: Land is key. To maintain self-sufficiency, a one-acre plot of land will get you a long way and [could effectively sustain](#) one dairy cow, some hens, or a goat while leaving enough room for a garden. Sometimes, you can [find affordable land](#) for sale by local governments, as states often provide opportunities. Work with a real estate agent to find the perfect land, visualizing what you want as you go.

Do your research and watch that sticker!

Plenty of retirees [are upsizing nowadays](#). It can be difficult, however, to determine [how much house](#) you can afford. This is where your accountant comes in handy. Upsizing doesn't necessarily mean paying more, either — a careful assessment of the market in your local area can determine whether it's possible to spend less per square foot on a home. Just be sure to [do the research](#), contact local brokers, and check out current prices in your area from home-buying sites like Zillow.

Another expense you'll want to research is your [budget for the move](#) itself. Will you be able to sell or rent out your current home? Do you need to store belongings in between homes? When you create your budget, make sure you factor in moving costs and [hire professional movers](#).

Let your new home work for you.

As a homesteader, you may want to get in the business of selling chicken eggs or making goat milk for sale at the local farmer's market. Starting a new business from home in retirement could be a great way to make money on the side and pursue a fulfilling second career in your golden years. Not only that, but because you're moving into a bigger home, you can add a workshop that would be a good space to conduct your business. Start [simple with an idea](#) of a product or service, then find a home that will accommodate that dream.

Before starting a business, however, you should look into the benefits of [forming](#) a limited liability corporation (LLC). There are myriad advantages to this, including increased flexibility, less paperwork, and tax incentives. Your [personal assets](#) are also protected in the long run. But be sure to research state regulations as rules vary by location.

Enjoy the space.

Upsizing to fulfill your dream of becoming a homesteader isn't *just* for you. Share the space with children, grandchildren, and furry family members, adding playrooms or entertainment corners to keep everyone happy. There's no doubt they'll want to visit your new sanctuary, so you can make new memories to cherish.

And when you're ready to move into your new homestead, don't forget to work with the best movers. West Moving and Hauling has unparalleled expertise in making sure everything gets from point A to point B without a hitch. [Reach out](#) for a quote or call (229) 815-7796.