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# Reasons to Sell Inherited House Fast

## 1. Sidestepping Capital Gain Taxes

When you inherit a home, you will only pay capital gains taxes on the increase in value from when you take possession to when you sell. The IRS will step up the basis (the starting value) to the day you take ownership. The longer the house is left to increase, the more the IRS charges. If you sell immediately, you can avoid capital gains altogether.



## 2. Increasing Liquidity

You inherited a home, and it increased your net worth. Even homes that are in disrepair still have significant value. But that boost to your bottom line is tied up in the house until you sell it. The fastest way to do something with the wealth is to make it liquid—turn it into cash.

## 3. Avoiding the Property's Carrying Costs

Carrying costs are ongoing expenses tied to owning a property, which can quickly add up for heirs. Many eventually sell after realizing the financial strain of maintaining a home they're emotionally attached to. Selling sooner often makes more sense than incurring months of upkeep costs.

