

Brookstone Vendor Network

Getting Started: Estate Property Services

A Simple Starting Point for Personal Representatives

Settling an estate can feel overwhelming, especially when the home itself needs attention. There may be years of personal belongings to sort through, an overgrown yard, carpets that need cleaning, or simply a home that has not been maintained the way it normally would. For many Personal Representatives, knowing where to begin can be just as difficult as knowing what needs to be done. You do not need to have the home cleaned up, repaired, or market-ready before reaching out to a real estate professional.

The purpose of the Brookstone Vendor Network™ is to give Personal Representatives a starting point when they need help getting the property under control. We have compiled a selection of local companies that may be helpful with some of the most common needs that arise during the early stages of settling an estate.

Start With What the Property Needs

Every estate is different. Some homes may require only a lawn service and a little cleaning. Others may need a complete clean-out before the family can even begin thinking about selling. There is no one-size-fits-all checklist, and not every property needs every service.

The vendors in this guide are organized around the practical needs that may arise while preparing an estate property.

A Resource, Not a Requirement

The companies included in this guide are provided as resources to help you get started. You are never required to use any of these vendors, and you should choose the professionals that best fit your property's needs and your family's circumstances.

Estate Property Services:

Estate Clean-Out & Removal Services

When personal belongings, furniture, or unwanted items need to be removed from the property.

Exterior Maintenance & Lawn Care

When a vacant property needs mowing, seasonal cleanup, snow removal, or basic exterior maintenance.

Estate Cleaning

When the home needs a deep cleaning after belongings have been removed or before the property is ready for the next step.

Carpet, Tile & Floor Cleaning

When flooring, carpets, tile, or other surfaces need to be refreshed without immediately replacing them.

Property Security & Locksmith

When locks need to be changed or rekeyed, keys need to be addressed, or a vacant property needs to be secured.

Estate Sale Company

When the family has personal property that may have value and could benefit from professional organization and liquidation.

Most importantly, don't let the condition of the home keep you from asking questions or getting started.

At **Brookstone Realtors Probate Division**, our role extends beyond selling real estate.

We believe education is one of the most valuable resources we can provide. Our goal is to help Personal Representatives understand the process, protect estate assets, and move forward with confidence.

Provide Clarity.

Protect Estate Assets.

Guide Families Forward.

 Brookstone Probate Library™

Helping Personal Representatives understand the process, protect estate assets, and make informed real estate decisions.

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American Atlas Locksmith

Locally owned locksmith and security company based in New Baltimore, Michigan, with mobile service available throughout Southeast Michigan. For Personal Representatives, their residential locksmith services can provide a practical resource for securing an estate property and addressing access concerns early in the probate process.

When a home becomes part of an estate, the Personal Representative may not know who has keys to the property or whether existing locks are functioning properly. Rekeying existing locks, replacing worn hardware, or adding a new deadbolt can help the PR establish control over access to the home without making unnecessary improvements.

American Atlas Locksmith provides residential locksmith services including rekeying, lock installation, deadbolt installation, and lock troubleshooting and repair. Their local storefront also gives Personal Representatives an established local business to contact for keys and lock-related needs.

Services Offered

- ✓ Residential Lock Rekeying
- ✓ Lock Replacement
- ✓ Deadbolt Installation
- ✓ Lock Repair
- ✓ Key Duplication
- ✓ Residential Lock Services
- ✓ Door Hardware
- ✓ Mobile Locksmith Services

Personal Representatives who need to secure an estate property, rekey existing locks, obtain additional keys, or address a lock or door-security issue. American Atlas Locksmith can be a good option for PRs who prefer working with an established local locksmith that offers both storefront and mobile services.

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The goal at this stage isn't to upgrade the home's security system. It's simply to make sure the Personal Representative has control over access to the property. In many cases, rekeying the existing locks may accomplish that without replacing perfectly functional hardware.

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Office Location

51105 Washington Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Service Area

Macomb County • Oakland County • Southeast Michigan

Phone

(586) 716-1177

Website

atlaslocksmith.com

Preferred Safe & Lock

A long-established local locksmith and security company serving homeowners and properties throughout Macomb and Oakland Counties. For Personal Representatives, their residential locksmith services can provide an important first step in securing an estate property and making sure the home is accessible only to the people authorized by the estate.

When a property becomes part of an estate, the Personal Representative may not know how many keys are in circulation or who may still have access to the home. Rekeying existing locks or replacing worn or damaged hardware can help the PR regain control of the property's access without necessarily replacing every lock in the home.

Preferred Safe & Lock provides residential locksmith services including rekeying, lock repair, lock replacement, and other lock and key needs. Their local storefront and mobile service also provide flexibility depending on the property's needs.

Services Offered

- ✓ Residential Lock Rekeying
- ✓ Lock Replacement
- ✓ Lock Repair
- ✓ Deadbolt Services
- ✓ New Key Creation
- ✓ Residential Lockouts
- ✓ Door & Lock Hardware

Personal Representatives who need to secure an estate property, change or rekey existing locks, or address concerns about who may have access to the home. Preferred Safe & Lock can be a good option when the PR wants a local locksmith capable of handling both routine residential lock work and more immediate security needs.

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If you're unsure how many people may have keys to an estate property, rekeying may be an option worth asking about before replacing the locks entirely. Rekeying changes the internal mechanism of the existing lock so previous keys no longer work while allowing the existing hardware to remain in place.

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Service Area

Macomb County • Oakland County • Southeast Michigan

Phone

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Sentry Locksmith & Door Service Inc.

Local locksmith and door-hardware company serving Warren and communities throughout the Metro Detroit area. For Personal Representatives, their residential locksmith services can help address one of the first practical concerns after taking responsibility for an estate property: making sure the home is secure and access is under the estate's control.

When an estate property becomes vacant, there may be multiple keys in circulation or uncertainty about who has access to the home. Rekeying existing locks or replacing locks when necessary can give the Personal Representative greater control over the property without requiring unnecessary upgrades or improvements.

Sentry provides locksmith and door-hardware services that can be useful for estate properties, including rekeying, lock changes, repairs, and installation of residential lock hardware. Their experience with both locks and door hardware also makes them a useful option when a security issue involves the door itself rather than just the lock.

Services Offered

- ✓ Residential Lock Rekeying
- ✓ Lock Replacement
- ✓ Lock Repair
- ✓ Deadbolt Installation
- ✓ Door Hardware Services
- ✓ Residential Lockouts
- ✓ Security Hardware
- ✓ Door & Lock Adjustments

Personal Representatives who need to secure an estate property, rekey existing locks, replace damaged or outdated locks, or address a door or lock problem before the home is left vacant. Sentry can be a good option when the PR wants both locksmith and door-hardware services from one local company.

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Before spending money on improvements to an estate property, security should come first. If you're unsure who has keys to the home, a locksmith can help determine whether simply rekeying the existing locks is enough or whether certain locks should be replaced.

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Office Location

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Service Area

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Phone

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Website

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