

Preparing for the move

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Their house has fewer possessions  
than when my wife and I helped  
them move in three years ago.

Now we are helping them ready  
their home to not be theirs.

I clean doors with baby wipes,  
My wife and friends touch spots with paint.

The doors whitened, I stretch  
on familiar wooden floor,  
wipe down dusty baseboards.

World Series Game 7 is on,  
a welcome distraction from grief,  
a bat cracking, the breaking of my heart.