

## De-Clutter And Organize Your Home This Spring

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### Recycle, bin it or give it away

Everyone has old things that they say they'll use, but never do. Whether it's clothing, paper items, or other things, if you haven't used it last year, chances are you won't this year either. We all have clothes in the back of the closet that no longer fit. If they're in good condition, give them away to Salvation Army or AMVETS. Paper items can be recycled for the most part, but if they contain private information, such as your name, you're better off shredding it.

### Turn down the visual noise

Have many things in sight is visually noisy. Try putting items in closets or chests so they're out of sight. You'll be surprised how much happier and less stressed you are when you come home and don't see many things vying for your attention.

### Keep all similar things together

If you have school or office supplies, they should go in one place, whether it's a hall closet or a desk drawer. There's no reason to have ten pairs of pencil sharpeners lying around the house. Once you know where one thing is, you won't have to search all over to find it.

### Use the three rule

In order to keep clutter down to a minimum use the three rule. That is, three items allowed per surface. Stop cluttering up shelves with knickknacks. Choose a few key pieces and put them up for display. Try rotating items as well. Remember the more things on a surface, the more dusting you'll have to do.

### Take things one step at a time

Don't try to de-clutter and organize your house all at once. NO matter how gung-ho you are, you'll get tired after a while and won't want to continue. Try taking one room at a time, or if things are really disorganized and cluttered, take just one section of a room at a time.

Organizing and de-cluttering takes a lot of patience and hard-work, but it's worth it and will make your home a relaxing place to be.

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