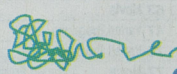


Spring cleaning

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organizer, remember the basic organizing rule: everything has its place!

Here are some tips on getting you started:

- **Good is good enough:**

Don't let those TV shows fool you that only "perfect" will do. Each person is unique and has different needs and desires. It is important to find the organizing system that works for you. An artist's studio can be very organized, but not at all neat. Why? Because

similar items are sorted together so supplies can be quickly found.

- **Start small:** Like exercising, you start with a short routine and build up your strength. Break the work into small chunks. Set a timer and go.

- **No shopping:** Getting organized doesn't mean you have to go on a shopping spree. All you need to get started are three containers marked: Donation,

Garbage, Not Mine. Trust me; you have three containers in your home!

- **From A to B:** If you work on a room, start by the door. Avoid dealing with a pile here and there. Make a decision on every item you pick up. If it is not functional, beautiful or meaningful, let it go. Pretend like you're moving: what would you take with you?

- **Paperwork:** Assign a drawer or tray for each family member. Use it to sort "floating" papers or mail. This will get the paper off the kitchen counter and the family will know where to look!



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Every spring, many shoppers load up their cars with storage bins, shelving and colored containers, all in a quest to get organized. They are fed up with the piles of papers on the kitchen counter, closets overflowing with clothes and half unpacked boxes from a move a year earlier.

After arriving home, some of the shoppers will roll up their sleeves and have their space organized by the end of the day. Others will struggle with this task, adding their newly purchased bins to another pile. They put it "there, just for now", and it stays there for weeks and months.

"Being organized" is a sensitive topic in our society. Everybody expects us to

know it, but no one really taught it. Think of a newlywed couple – how will they know how to organize the kitchen in their first home? And the young entrepreneur – will he know how to deal with all the paperwork? What about the neighbor who just lost a family member – how will he deal with all of her belongings?

As a professional organizer I take my clients from chaos to order. Since 1995, I help people take control of their space and their lives by designing custom organizing systems and teaching organizing skills.

Do you feel motivated to get organized? No matter if you do it yourself, team up with a friend or hire a professional