

Getting Organized For Good

Tips For Clearing The Clutter In Your Home

(NAPSA)—Getting organized to cut clutter in your home can be easier than you might think—and the benefits of being organized could extend beyond a tidy house.

For instance, organized people save money because they can assess their shopping needs at a glance, making them less likely to buy something out of uncertainty. Additionally, organized people eliminate stress associated with scrambling to find misplaced items or tidying their homes on short notice.

So how do you join the ranks of the orderly? Closet Tailors, a franchise company that provides custom storage solutions for homes and businesses, offers these tips to tidiness:

Perfect Piles

Gather your things into five piles, bins or baskets:

- Keep
- Donate/Sell
- Discard
- Repair
- Goes elsewhere in the house.

Start Small

Instead of saying, “Today, I’m going to organize the garage!” say, “Today, I’m going to organize these two garage shelves” or “I’m going to sort the vanity drawer.” Attacking the problem in smaller chunks allows you to feel a sense of accomplishment and will motivate you—or others in your household—to continue the task.

Use A Labeler

Once you decide on a space for an item, hold its spot with a label. You’ll increase the likelihood that the item will be replaced, but will also prevent other items from taking its place.

Toss 50

Set a goal to throw away 50 unused, unwanted or broken items



Use labels to ensure that items find their way back to their assigned place.

in a week. Start in one area and do your best to rid yourself of unused stuff that’s taking up space in your home. Also, if an item has been in the “Repair” pile for longer than six months, chances are it will never be repaired. Toss it.

“Go Back” Baskets

Use a “Go Back” basket on each level of your home. If you see an item that belongs in a different area of the house, place it in the basket and set a time each day to return the items to their appropriate places in the house.

A Place For Everything

Once you decide what items will stay, Closet Tailors space designers will meet with you to discuss your organizational needs, measure the space, create a computer-generated image of the finished area and install your custom storage solution in your closet, garage, mudroom, pantry, home office or other area of the home. For more information on getting a custom storage solution for your home, visit www.closettailors.com or call 1-800-519-6296.