

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Ten Essential Items For Every Utility Closet

(NAPSA)—If you're like most people, you probably have a place for storage of frequently used household items, from a mop and bucket to a jar of nails. Many times, this closet contains so much junk that it can be hard to reach what you need. You can keep it organized if you take time to clean out old or useless stuff and replace it with the following 10 items that assist in any household chore:

1. **Mop**—Make sure that there is a fresh mop to clean up spills.

2. **Bucket**—A sturdy bucket with a good handle is essential. Cleaning is easier when you can carry cleaning agents and water from room to room.

3. **Broom and Dustpan**—Broken glass and crumbs can be swept up easily into a dustpan using a hard-bristled broom. Plastic dustpans can help avoid scratching delicate flooring.

4. **Fire Extinguisher**—Every home should have a fire extinguisher. In an emergency, it can mean the difference between minimal and maximum damage.

5. **Shelf Liner**—It's helpful to have a supply of multi-purpose, non-adhesive shelf liner. Duck® brand offers shelf liner in a variety of designs and colors for every need. Use shelf liner in drawers and shelves to create a protective barrier between the items and the surface. It's easy to clean and its non-slip backing helps keep it in place.

6. **Duct Tape**—A staple item. When you need a quick fix, it's helpful to have duct tape on hand.

7. **Light Bulbs**—Stock up on a variety of light bulbs with various wattages to accommodate any lighting needs as they arise.



A well-organized utility closet can make cleaning easy.

8. **Extension Cord**—Many indoor and outdoor projects require power tools. Different length extension cords make getting around the yard and home easier.

9. **Super Glue**—Broken objects can be repaired with heavy-duty glue. One to try is Loctite Super Glue. Its precise applicators let you apply glue accurately.

10. **Flashlight**—Keep a flashlight in the closet so you know exactly where to find it in an emergency such as a sudden power outage.

Of course, everyone's closet will be different, but these items will be useful in many situations and leave plenty of room for other necessities.

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