

11 TIPS FOR STAYING ORGANIZED THIS SUMMER

Summer is finally here, but that can also mean a lot of work for parents when it comes to swapping out seasonal wardrobes and keeping up with school-aged kids at the same time. Keep your house organized and your family outings stress-free this summer by following these tips:

Keep Car Rides Convenient

On your next road trip, use a hanging shoe organizer as a tool to declutter the back of your car and to provide easy access to DVDs, food, chargers, and more.

No Leaks, No Problem!

Put bug spray and sunscreen in a Ziploc bag to make these items easily accessible when packing for a trip and to prevent leaks from ruining your beach tote.

Be On-The-Go Ready

Pre-pack tote bags with essentials so you are always prepared for a spur of the moment trip to the park or the beach. Fill them with snacks, water bottles, the Ziploc bag of sunscreen and bug spray, and anything else you might need.

Protect Seasonal Belongings

Winter clothes stored in closets are vulnerable to damage from moths. After packing your seasonal apparel away, fill a small fabric pouch, a tea bag, or even a wiffle ball with a combination of natural moth repellents such as cedar, rosemary, lavender, and eucalyptus, and hang it up in your closet. Now your clothes are safe and will smell fresh, too!

Stock Up on Food

Stock your pantry with ingredients to make a quick meal or baked good. Having a box of brownie mix handy is a great for a rainy day with your kids or for when friends or relatives stop by spontaneously.

Clean Out School Bags

School is out, so clean out backpacks and notebooks so your family isn't scrambling to do so when September comes around. Work with your child to recycle old notes and store any papers or projects your child wants to keep in a binder with labeled dividers... or better yet, take photos then toss them.

Utilize Your Little Helpers

Make a summer chore chart to keep your kids in a routine and your house organized.



○ **Reorganize Your Garage**

Reorganize your garage into sections so you actually know where everything is for once. Utilize wall space to hang up rakes and other tools, and fill buckets with baseballs, gloves, and other small items.

○ **Be Smart About Storage Space**

Invest in products like Space Bags to make organizing and protecting bulky winter bedding and clothes much easier.

○ **Have a Yard Sale**

Profit from your clutter by getting the whole family involved. Have everyone pick out items they no longer want and put the money you earn towards a vacation or other activity you can all do together.

○ **When in Doubt, Donate!**

Take advantage of the time spent packing away your winter wardrobe by deciding what clothes you and your family no longer fit into or have not worn in a while. Donate unwanted belongings to a local reputable charity and enjoy the freed-up space in your house.

If you want to stay organized this summer but worry that you and your family are too busy to keep up with it all, we can help.

ARRANGED will implement a plan to declutter and professionally organize each space in your home in a functional, aesthetically-pleasing way. We'll reduce your stress so you can finally get to enjoy the summer break you've been waiting for.

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