

Decluttering Your Wallet and Purse

Wallets carry valuable belongings that you never want to lose, so it is important to make sure you have just what you need and nothing more. These tips and tricks will keep your belongings perfectly organized.

Do Carry:

- License/ID
 - You never want to get caught driving without this! Avoid paying a fine and carry this with you everywhere you go.
- Accurate Contact Information
 - Many people don't have their most recent address updated on their license. Carry a card with you that has up to date contact information for yourself and close friends or relatives in case someone finds your lost wallet. Also list any allergies or medical conditions you may have on this card. You could possibly save your life one day by having this information with you.
- Two Credit Cards
 - Of course, you are going to want your credit card with you in a wallet, but carry a backup one in case your main card isn't accepted.
- Spare Cash
 - You never know when you are going to need cash. Always have an extra \$20 bill on hand just in case.

Don't Carry:

- Receipts
 - Don't stuff your wallet with receipts. Once you get home from shopping, file them away into a folder or scan them onto a computer and throw them away.
- Passwords/Social Security Number
 - Your wallet is already full of personal information that you don't want to lose, so don't raise the risk by carrying around something with these listed.
- Spare Keys
 - Losing a key along with your ID is an open invite to a stranger to come pay a visit to your house. Prevent the panic and expense of getting your locks changed by not carrying around a spare key in the first place.
- Extra Cards
 - Extra credit cards or gift cards take up too much space if they aren't needed. Keep these safe and together by leaving them at home in a mint tin (more on this below).



○ **Pockets and Pouches are Your Friend!**

Coin purses can be used for more than just spare change. Have a few in your purse to keep smaller items, like makeup, feminine products, and more organized.

○ **Reuse and Repurpose**

What do eye glasses cases, old prescription bottles, and empty mint tins have in common? They can be reused as purse organizers! Put your phone charger and headphones in a spare glasses case to prevent tangling and to keep them easily accessible. Fill smaller prescription bottles with bobby pins and hair ties so they aren't loose in the depths of your bag. Keep gift cards in an old Altoids tin along with secondary credit cards so you don't clutter your wallet. It is important that you don't carry the filled tin around in your purse all the time, though, in case your bag gets stolen or lost, but if you are going to spend some birthday money at the mall, feel free to bring it along.

○ **Utilize Technology**

Despite the changing times, a lot of people still prefer to read physical books and take handwritten notes with a pad of paper. Lugging around a whole novel or a notebook in your purse can turn into a pain, so consider investing in a tablet or app where you can read digital books and using apps like Google Docs to take quick notes on the go.

○ **Always be Prepared**

Emergencies happen, big or small, so it is always important to have a few extra items on hand. Keep a fully charged portable charger, travel sized stain stick and hand sanitizer, as well as a granola bar or small snack in your bag at all times.

○ **Coupons**

Receipts these days are a mile long with all the coupons that are attached, and this can cause a disaster in your purse, but don't throw away these deals! Buy a small coupon folder with tabs to organize them all in a way that works for you and keep this in your bag. Once a week, go through the folder and toss the ones that have expired and add any new ones that you may have collected. Happy saving!

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