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REMOVE STRESS & FIND THE JOY IN PHOTOS & VIDEOS

This is a process and will take time to get started. But once you have everything setup, it will be easy to keep up with! Put your time in now and it will be an investment for generations to come.

Getting rid of the excess

Beginning is the hardest part! Time to go through the excess. Remember, the more you clear out the ones that are not as important, the more easily you can enjoy the ones you love!

- Get all your photos and videos in one place so you can see it all
- Scan photos and digitize videos so it can be consolidated in one place

Photos

- Eliminate fuzzy photos or ones with beautiful thumbs.
- Find photos that are similar and pick your favorite. (All the ones when you were trying to get the right picture)
- Photos that you simply don't like.
- All those extra selfies!

Videos

- Accidental videos
- Turn off "live" feature
- If there were any videos you were waiting for something to happen, shorten it
- Take a look at long present opening videos and see if it's worth keeping. Christmas, birthdays, you name it.
- Duplicates

Add value to your photos

Now is the time to add value to your photos! Do you have a special memory or story behind the media you've kept? Let's add them! Whether it is a caption, location, date, it will let others enjoy your photos as well. Usually you can edit this by clicking the "i" icon when you've clicked on a photo.

- Add location
- Add date of photo (modern cameras do this for you! But a lot of physical photos are missing this. Even if you do not know the date, write the year or decade you think it might belong to)
- Tag faces (on your device tag people in the photos)

Organize your photos to find them easily

It is time to store your photos! How do you want to view and share your photos so you enjoy them! Remember, the goal is to have all photos accessible for everyone to enjoy! It is best to pick ONE place for all your photos to be consolidated. Having a backup is ideal and we'll talk about that later. But for now, pick one location where you would like your photos to be. Here are some options:

- iCloud
- Google photos
- Mylio Photos
- Dropbox
- Amazon photos
- Shutterfly
- Forever.com
- External hard drives
- Physical copies

Having your photos and videos digitized is best because they deteriorate over time and are easily damaged. You don't have to throw out your physical copies, but we need a place for all of them to be together.

Have a backup location

Now that we have found our favorite photos, added information about them, and stored them in one place, it's time to pick a backup. We don't want anything happening to these photos and videos! Back these up digitally to any software you trust! All the previous options are great! Pick a second location and upload them.

Upkeep

Great job! You've finished the hardest part! Now, let's not let things get out of hand again. Pick a regular time that works for you. It can be every day, once a month, once a quarter; pick a time that is realistic for you to go through the photos you take on your phone (go through the same process). It will go so much faster because

there are much less photos. Once you add the information into the details (metadata) of the photos it will keep that info as you move them around. Put a reminder in your phone so you don't have to remember.

