

Helpful Quotes about Getting Organized



Possessions/Stuff

- **Happiness is a place between too little and too much.** *Finnish proverb*
- **The United States spends more on trash bags than ninety other countries spend on *everything*.** In other words, the receptacles of our waste cost more than all the goods consumed by nearly half of the world's nations. *Daniel Pink, [A Whole New Mind](#)*
- **Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful.** *William Morris*
- **If you have to dust it, you'd better love it.** *Sara, www.onsimplicity.net*
- **The more things you own, the more they own you.**
- **There was a man
And some did think him mad.
The more he cast away
The more he had.** *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Less is usually more.**
- **Never love anything that can't love you back.**

The Process of Getting Organized

- **When in doubt: breathe, drink water, clear clutter.** *Karen Kramer (my motto)*
- **Sometimes you need to go on a low-information diet.** *Timothy Ferriss*
- **Stow as you go. (put things back right after using them!)** *Sandra Felton, Messies Anonymous*

Karen G. Kramer - Space to Breathe

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- **To jumpstart the bringing of order into your home, here are four old-fashioned rules that can change the quality of your daily life beginning today.**
 1. **If you take it out, put it back.**
 2. **If you open it, close it.**
 3. **If you throw it down, pick it up.**
 4. **If you take it off, hang it up.”** *From Simple Abundance, by Sarah Ban Breathnach*
- **A large part of getting organized is learning to act from a place of self-esteem: knowing what we want and don't want to do, knowing what we can and can't do, and taking good care of ourselves.** *Marilyn Paul, Ph.D*
- **Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task.** *William James*
- **Out of clutter, find simplicity.** *Albert Einstein*
- **Order is the shape upon which beauty depends.** *Pearl S. Buck*
- **Early in my career I felt that organization would destroy my creativity. Whereas now, I feel the opposite. Discipline is the foundation that allows you to be creative.** *Verna Gibson*

Humor and Inspiration

- **Hope is a path in the forest that isn't there; but when you walk on it, it appears.**
- **In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.** *Albert Einstein*
- **I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.** *Thomas Edison*
- **"Simplify, simplify, simplify," said Emerson. Thoreau replied, "One simplify would do, Ralph."**
- **The best things in life.....aren't things.** *Art Buchwald*
- **I find it helps to organize chores into categories: Things I won't do now; Things I won't do later; Things I'll never do."** *Cartoon Character Maxine*
- **The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.** *Sydney J. Harris*
- **Eighty percent of success is showing up.** *Woody Allen*
- **You can't have everything. Where would you put it?** *Steven Wright, comedian*
- **If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up somewhere else.** *Yogi Berra*