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*
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