

Helpful Quotes About Getting Organized



Possessions/Stuff

Happiness is a place between too little and too much. *Finnish proverb*

Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful. *William Morris*

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*

If the old doesn't go, the new doesn't come. *Chinese saying*

Less stuff, less stress.

Less is the new more.

The best things in life.....aren't things. *Art Buchwald*

The Process of Getting Organized

When in doubt: breathe, drink water, clear clutter. *My motto, Karen Kramer*

A wealth of information can create a poverty of focus and attention.
Sometimes you need to go on a low-information diet. *Timothy Ferriss*

Purchasing without purging equals problems. Therefore, one in, one out.

A place for everything, and everything in its place (or at least *on a path* to its place!)

When you clean up, you find things! *Karen Kramer*

Most clutter is postponed decisions. *Barbara Hemphill*

Done is better than perfect.

Karen G. Kramer - Space to Breathe

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Stow as you go. *Sandra Felton – or - Don't put it down, put it away.*

Use it or lose it.

When in doubt, throw it out (or at least put it in the basement and see if you miss it.)

Order is the shape upon which beauty depends. *Pearl S. Buck*

Creating a new habit is like walking through deep snow.
At first it is really hard. But each time you walk that path, it gets easier.
Eventually it is easier to walk that path than to break in a new one. *Zen proverb*

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work. *Thomas Edison*

Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task. *William James*

Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without. *Motto from the Great Depression and WWII*

Fun when done!

Humor and Inspiration

Hope is a path in the forest that isn't there; but when you walk on it, it appears.

Henry David Thoreau once wrote to his teacher, Ralph Waldo Emerson..."Simplify, simplify, simplify."
Emerson replied, "Don't you think one 'simplify' is enough Henry?!"

For the first 25 years I wanted freedom. For the next 25 years I wanted order.
For the next 25 years I realized order is freedom. *Winston Churchill*

Instead of saying you are going to your desk to do paperwork, say: "I'm off to my studio!"

If you have to dust it, you'd better love it. *Sara, www.onsimplicity.net*

All you need is less.

Less is more (more or less).

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*

Discipline is the foundation that allows you to be creative. *Verna Gibson*

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it. *Sydney J. Harris*

You can't have everything. Where would you put it? *Steven Wright, comedian*