

Linked in Well-Being Decluttering Guide

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Before decluttering: Start with the why. (mindset matters)

- o Why am I getting organized? (Physical, Mental, Emotional, Spiritual, Financial)
- o What's my vision for my home (Five senses look like, feel like, etc.)?
- o What are my most significant challenges in organizing my space(s)?
- o How much time and money do I have to spend on living organized?
- o Is there anyone else who should be involved in this process (i.e., roommate, significant other)
- o Support with accountability: tell someone you trust (i.e., Heart Sister)

Getting ready: Grab supplies.

- o Large garbage bags or boxes.
- o Paper, colorful stickers, and markers for labeling.
- o Develop a plan for where to donate, discard, and sell (transportation needs).

While decluttering: Tips for success.

- o One space at a time.
- o Take everything out and don't forget to clean shelves etc.
- o Make a decision about every item.
 - o Proposed categories: Keep, relocate, fix, recycle/trash, donate, sell; label appropriately.
- o Questions to help with decluttering:
 - o Do I need, use, and love this item?
 - o Is this adding value to my daily life?
 - o Does this item align with my current values, priorities, or goals?
 - o Does this item fit my current lifestyle?
 - o How does this item make me feel?
 - Does it fit or work? (If not, will I get it tailored or repaired?)
 - o Would I miss this item?
 - o Am I keeping this because it was a gift?

- o Is this item worth the space it's taking up?
- o Would someone else benefit more from this item?
- Would I repurchase this item again at full price?
- o Would I move this to a new home?
- Do I have something else that serves the same purpose?

After decluttering: Donate, recycle, discard, and sell ASAP.

- Donate: Convergence and Grateful Girls, Group homes, homeless shelters, and youth-serving agencies (professional attire), <u>Salvation Army</u>, <u>Habitat for Humanity ReStore</u> (furniture pick-up), and <u>Goodwill</u> (no furniture or baby), <u>Buy Nothing Project</u>, Buy Nothing Groups (Facebook or <u>Nextdoor</u>).
- o Recycle at H&M and textile recycling.
- o Discard at the local dump; search online first for details and note any exclusions.
- o Sale on sites like <u>Poshmark</u>, <u>Thred Up</u>, and <u>Facebook Marketplace</u>.
- o Consider returning items still within the return window.

Set and uphold boundaries: To help you maintain.

- o Make maintenance realistic for your lifestyle/pick a reset day.
- o Have a donation and return bin.
- o Limit shopping: slow buying, removing credit card info from websites, <u>#NoNewThingsChallenge</u>.

