

< h1 > 9 Practical Ways to Keep Your Resolution to Stay Organized This Year < /h1 >

The start of a new year means a fresh start, do-overs, and resolutions. What better way to start fresh than to organize yourself and your surroundings on a consistent basis? Getting organized will not only make your life easier, but you'll find yourself more content when items are found more quickly, chores are accomplished more efficiently, and your life has essentially become decluttered. Try applying these tips and become more organized today!

< h2 > Throw Things Away < /h2 >

Commit to disposing of any and all items that you no longer use, serve no purpose, or have no sentimental value. Don't hoard! Holding on to things that have no use or won't matter much to you or your kin in the long-run have no place in an organized household.

< h2 > Have a Yard Sale < /h2 >

If you'd rather be reimbursed for your investments, have a yard sale. There's a special breed of people who dedicate each and every Saturday morning to finding the best deals in town. As an added benefit, buyers are happy to lug away heavier items on their own, making your decluttering effort pretty seamless... and profitable.

< h2 > Take Advantage of Technology < /h2 >

Not only can you use your phone to set reminders on the spot, you can also use apps like [Awesome Note](#) to organize your shopping lists or [OfferUp](#) to make your yard sale virtual.

< h2 > Don't Make Excuses < /h2 >

You may tell yourself that you'll do it later, but your "later self" doesn't want to hear that. Don't look at a messy area and say, "I'll take care of that later." Take care of it now. Always tidy as you go.

< h2 > Storage, Storage, Storage < /h2 >

Gone are the days of storing your miscellaneous items in huge plastic storage bins and throwing them into the attic, never to be seen again. For items that will be useful in the future but not so much right now, take advantage of the low rates offered by storage facilities. Or, keep your everyday items tidied away in cute, decorative storage bins like [this](#).

< h2 > Keep Everything in One Place < /h2 >

Stray from keeping stacks of important papers under your bed, in your office, and in the garage. Sort them into categories (i.e. tax returns, automobile paperwork, mortgage documentation) and pick ONE central location for all paperwork.

< h2 > Let Other People Help < /h2 >

There's no use doing everything yourself. Delegating responsibility to family and friends will provide you with a clearer state of mind and a free schedule to get ready for that yard sale.

< h2 > Color-categorize

End of year e-mails flooding your inbox? Can't recall exactly why you couldn't complete that task? Trouble recalling who or what you were waiting on? E-mail servers like Outlook often allow you to assign statuses to colors, (i.e. purple = waiting on a signature). Archive messages in instances where the ball is in someone else's court.

< h2 > Keep A Journal < /h2 >

Your thoughts and mental to-do lists can be overwhelming. Start a journal and use it as a tool for venting frustrations and recalling events and details. Remembering to take advantage of your cell phone's capabilities, you can kill two birds with one stone and journal through the [Penzu](#) app.