

Decluttering Talking Points

Clutter is anything you are keeping in your home that doesn't add value to your life. Decluttering is all about making room in your home for the things that matter.

- **Write down the clutter HOT SPOTS**
- **Rank them from most to least pressing**
- **Work on one spot at a time**
- **Set a realistic completion date**

Divide items into groups. Different coloured post- its work well.

- **Keep**
- **Pass on to family**
- **SELL - garage sale, Kijijiji, dealer**
- **Donate**
- **Get Rid Of or Recycle**

Basic Rules For All Rooms

- **The 80/20 rule**
- **Get over sunk costs- it isn't what you paid for it but what is it worth today?**
- **See if it works**
- **Think of the last time you used it**
- **Clear off flat surfaces**
- **Keep like things together and store them close to where you will use them**

Kitchen Tips

- **Clear everything off your counters except 3 to 5 essentials**
- **Place cooking utensils, pots and pans close to the stove**
- **Place baking supplies and mixer away in a cabinet**
- **Storage bags, cling wrap, aluminum foil etc. should be together**
- **Purge your plastic storage containers**
- **Check pots and pans and appliances for duplicates**
- **Use hooks to hang cups and pots etc. if possible**

Living Room Tips

- **Remove clutter that doesn't belong**
- **Add more storage- shelves or baskets**
- **Un-decorate...less pillows, hang pictures, floating shelves**
- **Wrangle your wires for TVs etc**
- **Eliminate any tripping hazards such as small rugs and electrical cords**

Bedroom Tips

- **Take everything out of your drawers and purge**
- **When you place items back in drawers use dividers or small containers to store like things together**
- **Keep flat surfaces clear**
- **Use hooks on doors and walls for robes, belts, scarves etc**
- **Eliminate any tripping hazards**

Clothing

- **Seasonal clothing and bedding can be stored in plastic containers under the bed**
- **Declutter closet from the bottom up**
- **80/20 rule for clothes. Does it fit, is it damaged, when was it last worn?**
- **Replace all your hangers backwards. In a year purge anything that hasn't moved**

I hope this gives you a good starting point. Decluttering is not something that you do once and that's it. When you think with a DECLUTTERING MIND SET you will find yourself constantly evaluating all the items you have in your home.

Don't hesitate to call me with any decluttering issues!

Please remember me when you or any of your friends or relatives are in the market to buy or sell a home.

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