



It's fun to get organized when you're stuck inside

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Has this year's winter weather found you and your family spending days at a time at home - sometimes without power - searching for ways to stay occupied? If you're ready to get up from the movies, board games, and books, consider taking a look around, recruiting fellow family members, and getting organized.

This is a great opportunity to sort through long-ignored stuff, make some important decisions, find new space, and have some fun, all at the same time. Here are some links to web sites to get you started having fun - by yourself or with other family members - doing specific organizing tasks:

Catalogs: try the [Family Time](#) web site.

Family records: visit [About.com](#) for guidelines on what to keep and how to store these important papers.

Greeting cards: [Planet Green](#) has some great ideas for reusing those used cards.

Kitchen cabinets: see the [T2A web site](#) for quick tips for organizing your plastic storage containers, [Suite 101](#) for overall kitchen cabinet ideas.

Laundry: [Real Simple](#) answers your laundry questions.

Magazines: see [eHow](#) for a lively video to help you get these publications organized, once and for all.

Pantry: [DoltYourself Network](#) offers a video and guidelines for this important storage area.

Photographs: see [HGTV](#) for tips on organizing your printed photos, [basic.digital.photography](#) for guidelines to get those e-pix under control.

Toys: visit [Organized Home](#) for a helpful article that advises you to take the "child's eye view."

And, once you've visited one of these sites and have done some organizing, add a comment to tell us about your success. Also consider subscribing so you don't miss future organizing tips - just click on the "subscribe" link above this article.