



Too hot to go outside? Get organized!

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When it's hot enough outside to fry an egg on the sidewalk, it's time to get organized inside!
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You live in one of those areas where summer heat - and perhaps humidity - makes it too unpleasant to spend much time outdoors. In addition to finding relaxing activities to pass the time, like taking a swim, watching a movie, or finishing a good book, you can also make time to get organized.

Pick a trouble spot in your home - small or large - turn on the A/C, pour yourself a favorite summertime thirst quencher, and get it done. Use these ideas with links to [Get Organized](#) articles to help you step-by-step:

- With children home on summer vacation, chances are that the [fridge and pantry](#) aren't as neat as usual, and it's getting harder to find essential cooking ingredients as well as snacks and condiments (where's my salsa?!). Recruit your kids to help you on this project.
- Summertime is a great time to take a serious look at your [clothes closet](#) and your [shoe collection](#) to sort out the items you really love and prepare the rest for a sizeable donation to a favorite charity.
- When was the last time you organized the items in your [linen closet](#)? As a popular catch-all space in the home, it may be time to straighten its contents so you can find family essentials quickly and easily.
- A sure sign of a hectic lifestyle is a messy [bathroom](#), with a cluttered countertop, overstuffed drawers, and random items on hooks and discarded on the floors. Get this important space organized for health and efficiency.
- What better time to organize your [kids' rooms](#) than when they're at home to help? Depending on their ages, your children can make some decisions about what to keep and toss, how to arrange the furniture, and what [habits](#) they need to keep their rooms neat and clean.
- Rediscover the relaxing space the adults in your household need by organizing your [master bedroom](#). By sorting, cleaning, and reorganizing the space, you can create the peaceful environment you deserve.
- The [home office](#) is often a collection point for paying bills, storing family files, keeping photographs and videos, and perhaps managing a business. Take some time to organize this space so you can find what you need when you need it.
- Whether they're [paper files](#), [electronic documents](#), [email messages](#), or [photos and videos](#), your files can become as cluttered as your family possessions. Use a step-by-step process to sort, toss, and organize all.
- The coolest spot in your home this summer may be the [basement](#), so plan to sort it out, clean it up, and get it organized for the purpose you want.

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