

96 Things to Get Rid of Right Now

THAT YOU WON'T MISS

The two biggest hurdles to overcome when you start decluttering are how much time it's going to take and not being able to let things go. This checklist is designed to sidestep both of those hurdles. You should be able to get rid of everything on this list without regret. How you discard each item is up to you. I recommend donating, selling, or giving away the items that are in good condition, recycling as much as possible, and only trashing what is broken or unusable. Once these items are gone, I promise it will be easier to finish decluttering once and for all.

KITCHEN

- Duplicate kitchen items
- Small appliances and gadgets you don't use
- Mismatched or one-off plates, bowls, and cups
- Excess coffee mugs and travel mugs
- Souvenir or promotional cups and mugs
- Cook books (copy recipes you want to keep)
- Specialty bakeware you don't use
- Extra serverware (platters, serving bowls, dips sets, salad bowls)
- Appliance manuals (download online and put in a folder on your computer)
- Extra or incomplete food storage containers
- Candles you never light
- Wine or liquor bottles that are empty or that you won't drink
- Fridge magnets
- Everything in the kitchen junk drawer

GARAGE/STORAGE

- Specialty hand or power tools you bought for one project and will never use again
- Duplicate hand tools
- Rarely used power tools
- Supplies for abandoned home improvement projects
- Leftover scraps and supplies from finished projects (lumber, hardware, tile, etc.)
- Old paints and stains (except those you need for touchups)
- Empty flower pots and planters
- Empty boxes (looking at you Amazon boxes!)
- Old sports equipment
- Outgrown/roten bikes, tricycles, skateboards, scooters, skates, and play equipment
- Broken or tangled Christmas lights
- Loose nails, screws, washers, nuts and bolts

HOME DECOR AND FURNITURE

- Empty or unhung picture frames
- Excess throw pillows
- Extra vases (keep 1-2 you use often)
- Wall clocks with dead batteries
- Decor that doesn't fit your color scheme
- Decor that doesn't fit your style
- Broken or damaged furniture that can't be repaired
- Holiday decorations (the ones you never put out or don't fit your theme or color scheme)
- Furniture, rugs, decor in storage that are not worth price to store
- Furniture not used or wrong style
- Home decor you don't display (check closets and cupboards)

CLOSETS

- Clothes you don't wear
- Unworn clothes with tags on
- Unworn shoes
- Old winter gear
- Tarnished or tangled jewelry
- Jewelry you don't like to wear
- Sunglasses - broken or you don't wear
- Purses and bags you don't use
- Souvenir t-shirts you don't wear
- Unused luggage
- Empty organizing containers (bins, baskets, jars, magazine holders)

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OFFICE AND ELECTRONICS

- Used planners, journals, notebooks
- Paid bills
- Old mail
- Old greeting cards
- Used gift cards
- Expired credit cards and IDs (shred these)
- Books you can get at the library or digitally
- Magazines, newspapers, fliers
- Old paperwork (from college, past jobs)
- Printed photos that are already digitized
- Developed film canisters and negatives
- Old computer disks, CDs, VHS tapes (after transferring contents to computer)
- Old textbooks
- Old sound systems, speakers, subwoofer
- Electronics Manuals (download online)
- Old electronics (phones, video game systems, VCRs, DVD player, TVs)
- DVDs and CDs (especially if you don't have a device that plays them)
- Old phone cases
- Old remotes, chargers, cords

KID STUFF

- Broken toys
- Outgrown/Not Played with toys
- Outgrown clothes
- Old Halloween costumes
- Kids books below current reading level
- Excess art and craft supplies
- Extra sets of crayons, markers, color pencils, pencils
- Non-keepsake school papers
- Old baby stuff (car seats, strollers, pack 'n play, bouncer)
- Old kids/baby bottles, dishes, silverware
- Board games everyone doesn't like to play (keep the ones you all enjoy)
- Board games and puzzles with missing pieces
- Stuffed animals (allow a child to keep a few favorites)

LINEN CLOSET, LAUNDRY, AND BATHROOM

- Extra sheet sets
- Extra bedding and blankets
- Empty cleaning bottles
- Cleaners you don't use anymore
- Old cleaning rags and sponges
- Cleaning tools (brooms, dusters, mops) you don't use
- Mateless socks
- Old/expired makeup
- Old/expired beauty and haircare products
- Expired medicines and vitamins

OTHER

- Anything that's broken or missing pieces that you haven't bothered to repair
- Unused exercise equipment
- Old pet accessories (food dishes, toys, leashes, collars, expired medicines)
- Travel souvenirs that you don't display or were given to you by someone else
- Product boxes (iPhone box, camera box, perfume, shoe boxes)
- Excess craft/hobby supplies
- Old party decorations
- Wrapping paper, tissue, ribbons, gift bags (keep only what you will use)