

Getting the Most out of Your Home – Part 4 – Creating More Storage

☒ Regardless of the size of our homes, it seems like we always need more storage space. In fact, that is one of the most commonly requested items when people are looking for a new home. Buyers always want MORE STORAGE. But what happens if you find a home that is perfect in every area, except for the extra space for your stuff?

We have some answers and ideas for you in the continuation of our series on Getting the Most out of Your Home.

If you need more space, the first place you might want to look is at all of the items you own. Start by tossing the stuff that you no longer use or need. Then, combine like objects and purge the rest.

Seriously, how many scissors, corkscrews, beach towels, hammers and screwdrivers does one household need? Not to mention that old set of golf clubs that's been sitting unused since the new set was purchased five years ago. You get my drift. Start by throwing stuff out. When you do a regular decluttering, you'll find that it is quite helpful in maximizing your limited storage space. It'll probably be easier to find stuff too!

Next, think about ways to store everything. There are numerous options. Take a trip to a Container Store if you want to get any ideas. They have everything – from bins and trays for office-type equipment to plastic storage containers and space-saver storage packs for linens and clothing.

Containers and space-saver packs are great because they allow you to squeeze a lot of similar items into one place. They

also come in all sorts of sizes, so they can be put in drawers, closets, under beds, etc. And they are available in clear – so you can easily see what's in them. But before you purchase these fantastic storage pieces, make sure you think about which specific products and sizes will work for your unique spaces. Again, the organizing experts say to triple measure your storage spaces before buying the containers, bins, trays and racks that you plan to use.

And when you are done organizing, make sure you label those storage devices to ease your search for that winter sweater or perfect beach towel when the time comes. When it comes to finding storage places, don't forget to think vertically. Higher locations, especially in a garage or closet, can be a great place to store out-of-season or little-used items. But don't put anything too heavy, such as books or albums, too high above your head. They'll just be too difficult to get down.

Finally, think about ways to store items in your furniture, such as a storage bed, a storage chest or even a storage ottoman, all of which offer a quick and easy way to stash blankets, books, etc. For paperwork, such as bills and important documents, consider using storage cubbies or trays on the desk. You can even take this concept to the bathroom, where a towel rack could include a shelf with space for extra towels, as well as the hanging fixtures for recently used towels.

It may take some creativity and some cleaning-up efforts, but there definitely are ways to add storage to your home.

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