Organizing Tips

Clutter often finds ways to accumulate and take up valuable space within your home. With space always at a premium, storage and organization are key to keeping your home cozy and comfortable.

Below you will find some tips to help keep your new home organized and uncluttered:

- Get Rid of Unwanted Items - Go through your belongings and do away with things you no longer need. Clothes that no longer fit and unused appliances like juicers and bread makers can be donated to charity. Old magazines and newspapers can be recycled.

- Straighten Up Your Shoes - Too many shoes can waste a ton of closet space. An over-the-door organizer or shoe rack can provide some order to your shoe collection.

- Utilize Under the Bed Storage - Place extra bedding, towels, or out of season clothing in bins that can slide under your bed. Label each bin so items can be found quickly.

- Take Advantage of Vertical Space - Maximize your open floor space with tall, narrow bookshelves rather than wider, shorter ones. Stackable, plastic drawers provide great storage for toys and paperwork. Even stacking books and papers can make a flat surface appear less cluttered.

- Invest in Storage-friendly Furniture - Ottomans, trunks, coffee tables, and baskets can serve both a decorative and functional purpose. Use these furnishings to store items like remote controls, magazines, games, movies, or blankets within easy reach.

For more great tips on organization and storage, visit the HGTV website at http://www.hgtv.com/organizing/index.html.