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Organizing Your Home: Part 3 The Final Chapter

So we've gone through many of the big places clutter can gather, the front hall, kitchen, bathroom, fridge, closets ect... and in this, the 3 chapter, we are going to address some of the other areas in the home that may get cluttered but we don't really realize it.

Livable Living Rooms

Trading Tables

Big coffee tables create traffic flow issues, and cause the home to feel more full, to create the illusion of space and maintain as much table space as possible replace that big table with 2 little ones. It gives you more entertaining options more floor space and if you find some small tables with storage even better.

Mantel Makeover

The fireplace mantel, it's a place where trophies, ribbons and tchotchke's go to collect dust. One of the best ways to prevent dusty clutter is to lean a mirror on the wall from the mantel, this way you still get the mirror over the fireplace but you have less space for junk... if you have kids this is probably a bad idea...

Avoid Open Shelving

Open Shelving... It's beautiful on T.V but in reality they fill with clutter and dust. Closed doors make things feel more organized and keep the dust on flat easy to clean surfaces.

Relax With The Pillows

We don't mean lay on them. We mean get rid of some. Pillows may make your room feel cozy, which is great, but not 20 of them. Remember the

Dress for Success (Laundry Room)

Hang Storage Above

Like always a cabinet with door always looks cleaner but if you don't have space for something that size a shelf will do, it's ideal for storing detergent, dryer sheets, or whatever else you use for laundry.

Put Ugly Things in Baskets

No if you don't have room for the cabinet you may want to find some decorative basket to help make your laundry room more inviting, after all you spend a lot of time in there.

Kids and Their Stuff

Involve Your Kids

After all it is their stuff. Regardless of age, kids always want to get involved and do "grown up stuff" and giving them ownership of the project will more likely get them to tidy and hopefully keep it that way...

Even Toys Have Homes

With younger kids it's a good idea to use the word "home", as in "where should this toy's home be?" I know it sounds silly but think about it this way. Kids have an incredible way of personifying objects; I know I did. this way they will want there toys to go home at the end of the night... or that's the theory nowadays...

Lead By Example

Lead by example is something we here all too much but people never seem to do. By donating and cleaning your stuff your kids will want to do the same. If your stuffs a mess so will theirs.

Bottoms Up

Start cleaning from the floor upwards it's a good idea to start low because that's where they are, take the task to their level after all this is as much for them as it is for you.