JUST TELL ME WHAT TO DO NEXT!

HOW TO GET AND STAY ORGANIZED

While there are tips and tricks to doing things more effectively and storing more efficiently, nothing replaces having simple routine systems for organizing your time, space and possessions.

CALM™ technique:

Cull Keep or not?

Analyze/Ask "What do I need it for?" "What's the point I want to prove?"

Is it 'Action required', Storage (short or long term), or Trash/Donate?

Locate Find a logical location in your time and space.

Store it relevant to how soon you'll need to use it

Short term Current projects and information, tasks to do

Long term Archives, mementoes and others not needed regularly

Maintain Repeat. Remember what happens if systems aren't maintained.

DAILY Dump your pockets and purse!

Calendar What's due? Where do you have to be? Are you prepared? What can be deferred?

Tasks Cross off what's done, review what's needed

Do you need to get back to anyone? Who needs to get back to you?

Add to your projects/accomplished/want to do lists

Emails Organize by action required: Reply, hold, read, dump

Mail Put it in a safe place until you can attend to it.

Declutter Clear your head, desk, car, and counters. Make your bed (or desk), take out the trash,

and feed everyone, especially yourself. Fold blankets, put magazines away. Clean the sink.

MONTHLY Same as daily but on a grander scale.

Calendars Clean rooms, note and do repairs

Calendars There are probably a lot of things that have slipped down your priority list.

Have a 'big picture' view of what's coming up. Plot and plan your time realistically.

Tasks Review and cull. Make and take time to do the tasks that stay on the list. Post on calendar too.

YEARLY

Toss anything that is cluttering your time, space and attention. Revisit where you've been and where you want to go. Have enough of everything or too much?

Move archival items to longer-term storage.

Donate, donate, donate! Clean up, clean out, and pass it forward. Share!

