

# SIMPLY ORGANIZED

Decluttering and  
Space Organizing



## September 2010

### *Get a Grip in the Kitchen...*

During the month of August we did some updating to our kitchen. What a cleansing experience it has been with the contents of our cabinets and hutches spread in the living room for all to see. When the counter-tops were removed I had a birds eye view of each and every drawer all at once. So with all of this being said here's what I did.

- purged out all chipped dishes and glassware
- purged out those wonderful junk drawers
- minimize the amount of plastic containers you have, make sure there is a lid to go with all bottoms
- toss expired food, donate to your local food pantry those items you no longer eat
- edit the spice cabinet...these items don't have an indefinite shelf life
- consider mounting a spice rack on the inside of the cabinet door for greater visibility
- wipe down the inside of all drawers and cabinets
- organize by category, glasses, dishes, baking, pots/pans(make sure you have matches there as well), bake ware
- zone items near point of use.(pots/pans near stove, etc)
- keep rarely used items up high
- invest in a step stool
- Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhh nice

Lastly, as always you have my permission and thanks for passing this info on to any and all who might benefit. Let's hope the days start to get a bit cooler soon.

**Happy Purging! Ellen**

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### **Did you know...**

*St. Paul's Church 50th Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on September 18th serving from 4:40-7:00. Come one and all!  
corner of Traver Rd and Rt 44 in Pleasant Valley*

*Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency is having a household hazardous waste day on September 11th at the Farm and Home Center in Millbrook. Event begins at 7:30 am Please call 845-463-6020 to pre-register . Fabulous opportunity to rid your kitchen of old cleaners and chemicals. Also, all electronic waste, TVs and etc.*

*You can plant rows of greens now for some fall crops... lettuce , spinach, kale*

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