

SIMPLY ORGANIZED

Decluttering and
Space Organizing





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Kitchen Khaos...

You say you've got 3 bottles of vinegars half full and your knife drawer is a minefield tangled with wire whisks. The junk drawer won't close fully because of all of the stuff falling out the back and you have fuzzy green unidentifiable objects in the frig. Guess what...it's time to organize!

Read on for some quick and easy tips.

- **Set Aside** a couple of hours and pull **EVERYTHING** out of the cabinets and drawers.
- **Sort** items into like categories. (baking, pots/pans/lids, plastic ware, small appliances, etc.)
- **Clean** the interiors with a simple soapy water solution. No harsh chemicals needed(or wanted here)
- **Purge** out the expired food, the excess amounts of plastic takeout containers and plastic bags. Donate multiples and unused items(do you really need 3 potato peelers) Keep your treasures.
- **Organize** by grouping like items together near their point of use. (pots/pans near stove and glasses/ dishes near dishwasher, etc...)
- **Corral** those large cooking/serving utensils on the counter top in a crock or flowerpot.
- **Label** shelves and drawers so the entire family can help you maintain your well organized kitchen.



AHHHHH, buy yourself a bouquet of fresh cut flowers for a job well done! Need help, ideas and/or storage solutions... call **Ellen** today at  845.453.4481  and get your kitchen ready for the upcoming holiday season.

You have my permission and thanks for passing this newsletter on to any and all who might benefit from its' content and a clean well organized kitchen!

Happy Thanksgiving, Ellen

P.S. Thank you to all who generously donated coats for the Dutchess Outreach Coat Drive.

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Did you know...

November is "National Clean Out the Frig Month" So purge it out before the bird flies in!

November 7 is the final Household Hazardous Waste Day for 2009. Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency on Sand Dock Rd. in Poughkeepsie is the location. Please call

 845-463-6020  to

pre-register and pay or visit www.dccra.org