

Gadgets and goggles and flip-flips, oh my!

Summer is arguably the most fun season, but summertime clutter can grow out of hand. When your house is cluttered, your mind is cluttered. When your mind is cluttered, [you feel unhappy](#).

Do you feel overwhelmed by your family's summer clutter? Are you looking for advice on getting organized?

Learn how a little organization can make summer living a lot easier.

Freshen Up Your Kitchen

Most people spend at least 40 minutes every day in their kitchens. If you have a full house, you know how quickly your kitchen space can turn into a messy nightmare.

Give your kitchen a summer refresh by reorganizing your pantry, fridge, and counter space. Wipe down all surfaces and put away any winter or spring décor.

Now that the chilly months are over, you may want to store away your crockpots, instant pots, and other cold-weather cookery. Put these items in an area where you can still reach them if needed, but they won't be in the way.

Now that your kitchen is summer-ready, stock up on summer essentials. Fruits, veggies, juice, and popsicles are great to have on hand while kids are home from school. Make healthy eating easy by washing and prepping fruits and veggies as soon as you bring them home!

Keep Grilling Tools Together

Indulging in grilled foods is one of the best parts of summer. What's not so fun? Digging around in the kitchen or garage to find your grilling tools.

Take some time at the start of the summer season to collect all of your outdoor cooking tools. Spatulas, wire brushes, tongs, and more can be stored in their own cabinet or container. Keep your grill tools near the back door or grill for easy accessibility while grilling.

Summer is a great time to up your grill game with fun picnic blankets, patio décor, and dishware. Jazz up your outdoor space with festive candles, pillows, and placemats. Planning a weekly outdoor dinner can encourage your family to spend more time outdoors.

Your neighbors will be wondering what smells so good. Invite them over to enjoy your patio too!

Reset Your Mudroom

If you're lucky enough to have a designated [mudroom in your home](#), you know how essential they are in the wintertime. If you don't have a mudroom, you likely have a designated area or hallway where your family drops their things.

Give this overlooked area a summer makeover to keep your home feeling fresh and organized. Remove winter boots, coats, and hats and return them to their respective owner's closets. Give your floors a good scrub to remove lingering dirt and dust.

Mudrooms still serve an important purpose in the summer! Consider adding woven baskets to your mudroom to catch flip-flops, towels, keys, sunscreen, and anything else that may be dropped at the door. Each basket can have a family member's name to make clean-up easy later.

Don't let your mudroom be a neglected space in your home; add plants, artwork, or [summery scented](#) candles to greet people at the door.

Invest in Poolside Organization

Pools are a lifesaver during the hottest summer days. Plus, they can keep antsy kids occupied for hours on end.

However, pool toys, floats, goggles, towels, and other pool essentials can quickly stack up in your yard and on your porch. Invest in a large chest or storage shed to make poolside storage easy. Using a storage shed, you can safely hide away any pool cleaning supplies.

Toss small items like pool toys into labeled plastic bins. Clear bins will allow children to see the toys and decide what they want before digging through all of the items. Make pool time clean-up fun by asking kids to toss toys into the bin from the pool!

Even if you don't have a pool at your home, an outdoor storage chest will allow you to lock away outdoor summer items when they're out of season.

Collect Your Camping Gear

Do you and your family love to enjoy the great outdoors during the summer months? If you live in beautiful [North Carolina](#), who could blame you! Take more advantage of the warm weather and free time by keeping your outdoor gear ready to go.

Most people store their camping and outdoor gear in their garage, which, as you likely know, can feel disheveled. Sometimes we neglect our garage storage space, but a [well-organized garage](#) can make summer adventures much more fun!

Keep small items like cookware, flashlights, and lanterns in cabinets. Store tents, lawn chairs, and canopies in chests.

During the summertime, you may also find it easy to build a "go" chest filled with your tent, cooking supplies, first aid kit, and anything else you may need. A "go" chest makes it easy to pick up and go on last-minute weekend trips!

Simplify Your Life

Summer living is all about simple living. Days by the pool, reading on the patio, and enjoying freshly grilled veggies are some of the best things that make life worth living. Organizing for summer will keep every day feeling sunny and bright!

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