



Is company on its way or your husband coming home from work? This is a quick list to go through to help you spruce things up. :)

- If you have company on its way, get a pot of coffee going, a candle lit, or some cookies in the oven. Appeal to their senses!
- Get a laundry basket or box and walk through your house gathering garbage and stuff to donate. Fill it up! When it's full throw away the garbage and then move the donation items to another bag/box. Put this in the trunk of your car immediately.
- Do this again, except look for stuff that is out of place. Fill up your basket, putting things away as you come to the room that it belongs in.
- Load your dishwasher and get it running! If you don't have a dishwasher then neatly stack your dishes. Fill up your sink and start washing. It takes longer to get started than it actually does to wash the dishes.
- Get a load of laundry running.
- Sweep. A clean floor always makes the home look nice.
- Vacuum.
- Make all beds. Get into this habit when you first get up in the morning and this will always be done!
- Wipe down the kitchen counters and kitchen table.
- Add a pretty centerpiece.
- Wipe down the bathroom counters and the toilets.



Checklist for a Quick De-Clutter

Sometimes we just need to give our home a fast de-clutter just to spruce things up. Many times this may give us a little bit of motivation to continue! This list goes room by room and is a great place to start you in your de-cluttering journey.

Family Room

- Vacuum all floors
- Throw/put away magazines/periodicals

Living Room

- Sweep all floors
- Throw away old bills (if you ever need a copy everything is online)

Dining Room

- Toss any cookbook you haven't used in 6 months
- Clear your dining room table off. Put all your papers in a stack to deal with one at a time. Once it's cleared, keep it that way. Tables are for eating, not storing!

Kitchen

- Go through your coffee cups and discard any that are chipped or not regularly used
- Throw away any condiments you haven't recently used. These do spoil!

Master Bedroom

- Clear off your nightstands
- Clear the floor of all clothes and put them away
- Put any books away you aren't currently reading

All Bathrooms

- Throw away expired medications
- Throw away old makeup and hair-styling goop

Cars

- Clean out all receipts
- Throw away all trash

Mud Room and/or Laundry Room

- Sweep the room
- Empty Trash
- Wipe off Washer and Dryer



Miscellaneous Tips

- Fold laundry during movies, kids included. If they don't fold, no movie!
- Get rid of one garbage bag of stuff a day. This can be garbage or giveaways to a thrift store.
- As you fold laundry throw away socks with holes in them and stained clothes. Life is too short to keep dealing with them.
- Throw junk mail away immediately.
- Sweep/Vacuum daily. Clean floors always spruce the house up!
- Wash dishes after every meal. If you need to resort to using paper plates and plastic utensils for a while, so you can catch up on your housework, do it!!
- Wash cooking dishes as you make them to help make clean up easier and faster. They can be drying while you're eating.
- Keep your front porch area clean and swept. First impressions count!
- Never put stuff down on your dining room table, even short term. Keep it clear and even put a vase in the middle. If it's clean and nice you're more likely to keep it that way.
- Make your bed every morning, first thing. This starts your day off on the right foot and makes your bedroom inviting when bedtime comes. <3