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THE SECRETS OF EFFICIENT HOME ORGANIZATION

Moving into a new home marks an exciting chapter in life, filled with fresh starts and opportunities to create your ideal living space. For new homeowners or even those downsizing or relocating, organizing a home is not just about unpacking boxes; it's about laying the foundation for a comfortable and functional lifestyle. Efficient home organization is critical in this transition, enabling smoother daily routines and a more harmonious living environment. It can, however, present its own set of challenges, from deciding the best layout for your belongings to maintaining order in a previously unfamiliar space. Overcoming these hurdles is key to making your new space truly feel like home, where every item has its place and every space is optimized for both comfort and utility.

Setting Up Your Organization Plan: Where to Start

Moving to a new home, particularly crossing long distances, lays the groundwork for a fresh start. For the heavy lifting involved in relocating from one area to another, it's wise to let interstate movers handle it. This decision allows you to concentrate on the finer details. The initial step in your efficient home organization journey after moving in is to evaluate the space in your new home and set priorities for each room. Think about how each area will be used and what items you'll need to make those spaces functional and comfortable. This strategic approach aids in determining what to unpack first, ensuring that your most essential belongings find their rightful place swiftly. *Continued Inside...*



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Spring 2026 is here, bringing longer days, fresh energy, and new momentum in the real estate market.

Whether you're thinking about downsizing, relocating, or simply exploring your options, this season offers a great opportunity to make a smart move.

I'm here to help you navigate every step with clarity and confidence—your next chapter starts now.



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THE SECRETS OF EFFICIENT HOME ORGANIZATION FOR NEW HOMEOWNERS

The Secrets of Efficient Home Organization

In addition to space planning, establishing a realistic timeline and budget for your organizing efforts is crucial. It's important to consider the costs associated with acquiring new organizational tools or furniture to enhance your home's functionality. Divide the efficient home-organization process into achievable steps and set realistic deadlines for each to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

Decluttering Before Unpacking: Creating a Clean Slate

A new home journey often begins with decluttering, a vital step that sets the tone for an organized, clutter-free environment. Before moving, take the opportunity to sift through your belongings. This process not only lightens your load but also simplifies organization upon arrival, allowing movers to handle only what's truly necessary.

Strategies for Sorting Through Belongings

- **Categorize Items:** Start by dividing your possessions into categories (clothes, books, kitchenware, etc.). This approach makes it easier to tackle decluttering piece by piece.
- **Assess Each Item's Value:** For each item, ask yourself if it's been used in the last year, if it holds sentimental value, or if it will be beneficial in your new home.
- **Be Ruthless but Thoughtful:** It can be tempting to hold onto items "just in case." However, focusing on the space and lifestyle you aim to achieve in your new home can help guide your decisions.

Deciding What to Keep, Donate, or Discard

- **Keep:** Essentials, frequently used items, and pieces with strong sentimental value.
- **Donate:** Items in good condition that no longer serve your needs but could benefit others.
- **Discard:** Broken, outdated, or unusable items that cannot be repaired or repurposed.

Diligently decluttering before you pack lets you ensure that your new home starts off with only the items that add value to your life. This proactive step helps minimize clutter from the outset, facilitating a smoother transition to an organized and serene home environment.

Mastering Space and Style

In any home, finding the right balance between functionality and aesthetics is key, especially when it comes to storage. Maximizing storage in common areas, bedrooms, and kitchens for new homeowners can transform living spaces into organized, clutter-free havens. In living rooms, consider multi-functional furniture like ottomans with storage or built-in shelving units that blend seamlessly with your decor. Bedrooms benefit from under-bed storage containers and closet organizers that optimize unused space. In kitchens, utilize vertical space with hanging racks for pots and utensils and magnetic strips for knives. Innovative solutions, such as corner shelves and pull-out cabinets, can make the most of every nook.

Maintaining an Organized Home: Cultivating Daily Habits for a Tidy Space

Keeping your home organized and tidy is an ongoing process that benefits greatly from establishing daily and weekly routines.

These habits ensure that your living spaces remain welcoming and clutter-free:

- **Daily Quick Clean-Ups:** Allocate 10-15 minutes each day for quick tidying sessions in high-traffic areas.
- **Weekly Decluttering Sessions:** Choose one day a week to go through different areas of the home and remove items that no longer serve a purpose.
- **Involving Everyone:** Assign specific tasks to each family member to make the organization a shared responsibility.
- **Nightly Resets:** Make it a habit to reset rooms to their organized state each night, ensuring a fresh start every morning.

Adapting Organization to Life's Changes

As life unfolds, your efficient home organization needs will inevitably evolve. The key to maintaining an efficient and comfortable living space is flexibility. Periodically reassess and adjust your organizational systems to reflect changes in your lifestyle, such as embracing new hobbies, accommodating a growing family, or adapting a room into a home office. Embrace change as an opportunity to refresh and optimize your space. Whether it's reallocating rooms or introducing new storage solutions, staying adaptable allows your home to grow and change with you, ensuring it always meets your needs and remains a place of comfort and efficiency.

Recent Sales

284 High Street
Newburyport, MA
List Price: \$799,900
Sale Price: \$865,000
Sold 2/6/2026

8 Hart Road
Newburyport, MA
List Price: \$850,000
Sale Price: \$850,000
Sold 1/9/2026

6 Adams Court, U:6
Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$292,999
Sale Price: \$315,000
Sold 2/26/2026

84 Blacksnake Rd. U:A
Seabrook, NH
List Price: \$689,900
Sale Price: \$721,000
Sold 12/24/2025

41 Coral Street
Lowell, MA
List Price: \$499,900
Sale Price: \$485,000
Sold 11/25/2025

161 Elm Street U:A
Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$449,900
Sale Price: \$470,000
Sold 12/22/2025

179 Elm Street
Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$649,000
Sale Price: \$655,000
Sold 11/24/2025

2-4 Central Street
Merrimac, MA
List Price: \$689,000
Sale Price: \$710,000
Sold 11/3/2025

70 Ruth Avenue
Manchester, NH
List Price: \$349,000
Sale Price: \$358,000
Sold 11/21/2025

2 Locke Hill Lane
Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$950,000
Sale Price: \$985,000
Sold 12/1/2025

8 Mockingbird Hill Road
Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$499,900
Sale Price: \$520,000
Sold 11/19/2025

21 West Shore Park Road
Kingston, NH
List Price: \$749,900
Sale Price: \$715,000
Sold 12/19/2025

22 Jewell Street
South Hampton, NH
List Price: \$599,000
Sale Price: \$560,000
Sold 12/11/2025

48 Whittier Meadows Dr
U48 Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$450,000
Sale Price: \$477,500
Sold 2/19/2026

6 Woodman Way U:110
Newburyport, MA
List Price: \$515,000
Sale Price: \$515,000
Sold 11/6/2025

4 Winter Street U:4
Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$450,000
Sale Price: \$450,000
Sold 1/28/2026

1 Remington Drive U:1
Hampstead, NH
List Price: \$625,000
Sale Price: \$605,000
Sold 2/25/2026

20 Albion Lane
West Newbury, MA
List Price: \$500,000
Sale Price: \$500,000
Sold 2/13/2026

29 Carriage Hill Lane
South Berwick, ME
List Price: \$999,995
Sale Price: \$960,000
Sold 2/10/2026

44 Logan Street
Berwick, ME
List Price: \$439,500
Sale Price: \$375,000
Sold 1/30/2026

25 Cedar Street U:7
Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$468,000
Sale Price: \$450,000
Sold 2/27/2026

217 Merrimac St. U:1
Newburyport, MA
List Price: \$599,000
Sale Price: \$575,000
Sold 12/5/2025

6 Vendome Street U:6
Merrimac, MA
List Price: \$450,000
Sale Price: \$457,200
Sold 11/25/2025

6 Woodman Way U402
Newburyport, MA
List Price: \$499,900
Sale Price: \$490,000
Sold 11/14/2025

231 Long Hill Road
Dover, NH
List Price: \$925,000
Sale Price: \$910,000
Sold 1/15/2026

35 Orchard Street
Amesbury, MA
List Price: \$650,000
Sale Price: \$701,050
Sold 2/26/2026

27 Viola Avenue
Haverhill, MA
List Price: \$475,000
Sale Price: \$520,000
Sold 11/28/2025



Downsizing? Decluttering? Donate.

Clearing out the things you no longer use doesn't just free up space—it creates an opportunity to support local organizations that put those items to good use, and we've compiled a list of donation locations to make that process even easier.

Lighthouse Thrift Store 126 Bridge Road, Salisbury - accepts housewares, furniture, electronics, clothing, and sports equipment. Offers convenient drive-up & drop off.

Goodwill 21 Chevy Chase Rd, Seabrook, NH - accepts clothing, small appliances, books, decor, and household items. Offers convenient drive-up & drop off.

The Step Up Thrift Shop 145 Main St, Amesbury - accepts gently used clothing, small household items, books, and decor. Proceeds support local programs.

Habitat for Humanity Restore 29 Fox Run Rd., Newington, NH - accepts appliances, counter tops, cabinets, flooring, furniture, doors, lighting, hardware, and more.

Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society 63 Elm Street, Salisbury - accepts towels and linens.

Guinea Pig Sanctuary 129 Bridge Road, Salisbury - accepts towels, washcloths, and hand towels.

By passing your gently used belongings on to trusted community partners, you can simplify your home while making a meaningful impact right here in the Greater Newburyport area.

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Lamacchia Realty is a proud supporter of the **2026 Amesbury Chamber of Commerce's Annual Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive** to benefit **Our Neighbors' Table**. Our goal: fill the collection bins and support stocking the shelves of our local pantries. After all, the event is called ***Spread the Love***.

Our Neighbors' Table works to fight insecurity in our communities, providing groceries, fresh foods, and toiletries to more than twelve communities in Northern Essex County.

Thank you to our agents, clients, staff, and supporters who filled the bins this year!



Pictured Above:
Carey Creps REALTOR® & Ben Panunzio, Regional Sales Manager, REALTOR®
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