

Clutter-Free Your Living Room

The living room should be peaceful, serene and an open invitation to those you enter into this room. Look around, what items are stored here? What is the function of this room? Is this a relaxing area? How many activities are taking place in this area?

The living room should consist of the following essentials; TV, comfortable chair, loveseat or chair, coffee table and end tables. If you are storing more furniture than you need, re-think the item, can it be stored elsewhere, can it be donated? Follow the steps below to a clutter-free living room.

Step 1. Donate and purge magazines and books you haven't read or don't want. If you subscribe to a book club or have various magazine subscriptions, ask yourself the following questions. Am I reading the material? Can I do without the subscriptions? Is the magazine/book accessible online? When was the last time I actually sat down and read a magazine or book?

Step 2. Start purging and donating unwanted VHS, DVD's, tapes, etc. Do invest in a sturdy unit to house the items you are keeping. Don't forget to group and alphabetize them. Have a yard sale or donate the movie to your local library. Remember you can always rent a movie, you don't have to purchase every movie you see.

Step 3. Organize your coat closet; hat and gloves on the top shelf, line shoes and boots neatly on the floor. Remember to keep a space for your guests. Old tray tables can be used to house your shoes.

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