

Getting Organized

Clever Ways To Declutter Your Closets

(NAPSA)—In your household, what's the most difficult area to keep organized? If you answered "bedroom closets," then you're with the solid majority.

Seasonal bedding, clothing and shoes, limited closet space and people's general reluctance to purge old or unused items all lead to our closets being a constant mess. Here are some tips for taking control of your closets:

1. Purge and Donate Regularly. Don't let old or unused items take up precious space in your closet. A useful rule of thumb is anything that hasn't been used in the past year needs to be donated. There's somebody your size out there who can use your old outfits, so pass them along and cut the closet clutter. Your donation is probably tax deductible, too.

2. Store Off-Season Clothing and Bedding. Why let your winter coats and extra bedding crowd out your summer dresses and lighter blankets, and vice versa? Season-specific items don't need to take up space in your closet year-round. Use spring and fall cleaning seasons as opportunities to move seasonal items into another storage area. If extra storage space is at a premium, you can store clothing and extra bedding under your bed, or in the garage, attic and basement by packing them in Space Bag vacuum-seal storage packs. These packs not only compress items enough to triple your storage space, they protect from dirt, dust, moisture, mildew and odors, so



You can win the space race with your closets with the help of ingenious storage bags.

you can store them almost anywhere.

3. Maximize Storage Space. If your closet's cluttered appearance is due to a lack of space, there are easy ways to make the most of the space you have. Hanging a second rod below your closet's original hanging rod will give you plenty of extra space to hang shorter items. You can hang shelves in the upper half of your closet to accommodate folded items, and if shoes are taking over your closet, consider an over-door or under-bed organizer.

Need More Help? Check out the Space Bag Clean That Closet Challenge for the chance to win \$1,000 toward helping you get organized and a consultation with a professional organizer. To learn more about the contest and for more tips on how to tackle organization challenges all around your home, visit www.SpaceSaversCommunity.com.