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The Green Issue

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March 26, 9-2 p.m., Impact Thrift Stores [Computer and Electronic Scrap Recycling Event](#).

March 29, Tuesday, 7 pm- Sherwin Williams store in Wayne, PA. **Color Made Easy**. Learn 10 steps to choose color effortlessly, whether painting or accessorizing. You'll be ready to call the painter for a spring spruce up! Valuable goodies for all attendees. [Email](#) for free registration.

April 6, Wednesday, 7 pm- **Clear Path Strategies Clutter Support Group** starts again! Groups are kept small, so [register](#) early while there's still room.

Dear John,

Actually, Kermit, these days, it is easy to be green. March is a green issue for all the obvious reasons, like Saint Patty's Day (March 17), the start of spring (March 20), the Philadelphia Flower Show, and the middle of the tax season (think green \$\$). Like a lot of families, my family was also green from bad bugs for several days. Hopefully you didn't have to suffer with sickness, too. For days we were doing four loads of laundry daily to keep clean sheets on the beds. So I'll offer some of my favorite green laundry tips below.

If you are ready for changes this spring, please check out these events. We'll help you change colors or window treatments at two fun seminars. Those eager to tackle an organizing project and their habits can join me at the [Clutter Support Group](#) starting April 6. Past participants ended up with new spaces in just a few weeks, and they are still making improvements! It's the best organizing deal in the area.

Speaking of best, I could use your help. I was honored with a Best of Main Line Today award last year. I'd love to have your vote for the Main Line Media News awards this year as well. [Click here](#) and scroll to the bottom to the "Write In" field to add "Professional Organizer: HeartWork Organizing." I appreciate you taking a moment. Now, bring on the tips!

Sincerely,
Darla DeMorrow, CPO® , owner

April 30, Saturday,
a.m., free **shredding
event** at IKEA
Conshohocken, sponsored
by NAPO- GPC.

May 11, Wednesday, 6:30
p.m.- **Window Tips and
Trends** at The Blind
Gallery, Wayne, PA..
Learn the latest on
shutters, blinds, shades,
top treatments, and what
qualifies for home energy
rebates. [Email](#) for free
registration.

See [my website](#) for updated times
and places. Want a presentation
closer to you? Please call me
about how we can make that
happen.



Recent Blog Posts

[Winners announced. It
pays to be connected.](#)

[What is a Clutter Support
Group and Why Do I
Need One?](#)

[Can Do Closets](#)

Quick Tip

Think green efforts don't
matter?
"Every glass bottle
recycled saves enough
energy for a 100 watt light
bulb to be lit for 4 hours"
according to a Radnor Twp
Recycling Report.



My backyard, I wish. Philly Flower Show vignette.

Green Tips

...for all Seasons

Do kids still pinch each other for not
wearing green on Saint Patrick's
Day? Don't take a chance, and
locate an appropriate green outfit.
Want to make a serious statement?
Love these [green glitter shoes](#). You
can wear them again for Earth Day
in April.



I've been paying attention these days to green habits at
home. People of a certain generation (sadly, not mine) will
remember an old sing-song chant:

Use it up, Wear it out, Make do or Do without

One of the best clutter and green tips uses this
mantra in the bathroom. I often help people declutter by
throwing away personal products that are ill-performing,
partially used, bacteria-laden, and just plain old. I challenge
you here and now to eliminate buying personal products until
all of your stock is used up. What's the worst that can
happen? If you run out of soap, use shampoo until you can



Survey

Do you feel like you are constantly doing laundry? How many loads do you do per week? [Click here to respond](#) to this survey and get another laundry taming tip.

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get to the store to replace it. Use up (or donate) those trial sizes and hotel samples. Empty the bottles and recycle the packages. Carry recycles to the bin instead of just tossing them in the bathroom trash.

Ready for your tax tip? This one is an oldie but goodie, and one of my friends just this week told me that it changed her life. Stop filing your paid bills and receipts. That's right, I said stop filing them...by category. Instead of keeping the electric bills together, the gas bills together, and so on, just create twelve folders per year. Instead of filing, just dump your non-tax related paid bills and petty receipts into your monthly folder, in random order inside the file. Be sure to have a thirteenth file or folder that is labelled TAXES- 2011. Anything that you might consider tax related can go into this file throughout the year. During tax season, you'll only have one place to go for tax documents, and your CPA will think you are brilliant! Maintenance is easy because you can purge mounds of paper by years without having to sort.

Laundry tips are next. If you have a newer high-efficiency washer and dryer, read the manual. I know, it's not the most exciting material, but your manufacturer can save you money and perhaps time. For instance, most washers require far less detergent than we use. Even older machines need less detergent since most formulas are now super concentrated. Do you know how to use your short cycle? Your model's stain cycle might save you repeat loads. Also, check your dryer to see if there is a damp-dry feature. My loads are dry about 15 minutes before the beeper sounds. Those last few minutes aren't good for the clothes or my electric bill. Have I told you how much I love my [drying rack](#)? I use it outside in the summer and in my basement in the winter. Lastly, check out dryer balls. They look similar to tennis balls, cut the drying time and reduce static in the dryer. I rarely hear them during the cycle, and they last for ages. See an adorable [hall laundry makeover](#) here.



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