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July 29- Best of Main Line Today Party at Drexelbrook

September 21- Paper Management Seminar at Upper Merion Library

September 30- Decorating for Free Seminar at Tredyffrin Library

October- Clear Path Strategies Clutter Support Group. Email today for your invitation.

Quick Tip

Summer is a great time for entertaining. If you need a quick hostess gift, or just want to brighten someone's day, check out this article on Creating Expensive Looking Flower Arrangements.

Expensive Arrangements from Cheap Bouquets

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Back to School:
Organizing Skills for Life

Survey Results

Interesting...75% of you would rather take a class on paper management over time management. Well, if that's you, click the link above to get an invitation to the paper class coming this October.

Please weigh in on this month's survey:
Do you own an electronic label maker? Click here to respond and get a neat tip on how to use label makers.

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Dear Dan,

Thank you for voting HeartWork Organizing BEST Personal Organizer this year. I am very proud to be doing what I love, helping clients after five years in business. This honor is a great one to earn this year, and I thank you for letting me help you find your peace and purpose through beautiful spaces that work for you.

I hope you are enjoying your summer as much as I am. If you are anything like me, you are spending a lot of time in your car. Cars are our home away from home. Do you struggle like I do to keep yours organized? Read on for some tips.

Sincerely,
Darla DeMorrow, CPO® , owner

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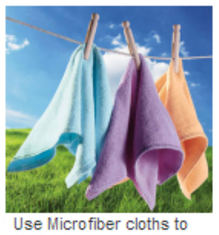

Use Microfiber cloths to clean without chemicals

Although I don't usually do this in the home, I think the best way to organize your car is to empty it out, including the back seats and trunk. I wish the car fairy would keep my car clean, but we've been married over 10 years now, and he doesn't get to it as often as he used to. So, by emptying out the car entirely, I can first wipe down all the dash, console, door and seat areas. My favorite tool is without a doubt microfiber cloths, which clean wonderfully with just water, and without chemicals. I even use them to swipe my upholstery and wipe out spills. They are available in lots of retails stores, or visit www.Solutions.com.

Then, if I have the time, I like to drive to my local car wash and use the power vac there to really clean the car, including the trunk. If you have small kids, this is a good time to remove the car seats and fish the lost goldfish crackers out of the crevices.

Once the car is clean, my method is to assign each kid a small canvas bag that they keep all their books and car toys in. Serving two purposes, this bag sets a limit on how much can stay in the car, and it corrals the stuff so there is room for bottoms on the seat and feet on the floor. These bags aren't anything special; they are just freebie bags that we've picked up over the years. You could monogram or decorate yours if you are the crafty type.

Then come the organizing tools. Oh, wait, I'm the "less is more" gal. Let's use what we have, first. I assign another freebie canvas bag to the trunk to hold all of my other shopping bags, which I grab when I am on the way in to the grocery store. Yet another freebie bag (I like the ones that have square bottoms so they sit nicely in the trunk) holds a few toys and blankets that we use when we head to the park. I use my car's built-in hidden storage spaces to hold a few lengths of string and bungee cords to tie down those fantastic shopping finds that might be a smidge too big for the car. I stash a few diapers in those little space, too. I sure don't ever want to get stuck without an extra. And I leave the rest of the trunk empty to hold the stroller. In years to come, this space will hold dance duffels and baseball bats, so this works for everyone. Not only does an empty trunk offer better gas mileage, about 2% for every 100 pounds, but it is safer. Loose items in my station wagon or an SUV cargo area can become a projectile in the event of a sudden deceleration.

I make sure that I have current copies of my current auto insurance and state registration in my glove compartment. There are hefty fines for not being able to produce the current version of either of those documents, and I just don't need that hassle this summer.

Last, I check the glove compartment for emergency food. I make better decisions when I'm not starving or weaving from the inside lane for fast food. Mixed nuts, cereal bars, and cheerios for the little ones get loaded up, and replenished after each long drive.

There you go. In about 15 minutes, your car can be organized and ready for your next trip to the beach, park, or ball game.

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