## Decluttering Idea List

1. Clothes that don't fit
2. Clothes that are torn or stained
3. Clothes that aren't flattering
4. Coats that don't fit over clothing
5. Special occasion clothes that will not be worn again (bridesmaid, prom)
6. That clothing item you bought but never wear
7. Extra hangers
8. Undergarments that don't fit, are stained, etc.
9. Accessories you haven't worn in 6 months
10.OId nail polish
11.Socks without a mate
12.Socks with a hole or poor fit
13.Shoes that don't fit, are worn out, stained, etc.
10. Gloves without a mate
15.Cracked or never worn belts
11. Unused or broken hair ties
17.Old/never worn hats
18.Free/promotional t-shirts
19.Scarves you don't wear
20.Old bedsheets
21.OId/stained pillows
22.Books you have read and won't read again
23.Books you have never read
24.Old College books and binders
25.OId makeup
26.Travel sized toiletries
27.Perfumes and lotions, you don't wear/are old
12. Old toothbrushes
13. Shampoo you aren't using
30.Old towels
14. Hair Products you aren't using
15. Hair Acccessories and brushes not used
16. Baby items they have grown out of
34.Baby items you didn't like using
35.Old/broken toys
36.Toys that aren't played with
37.Pens that don't work
17. Half-finished craft projects
18. Craft supplies you haven't used in a year
40.Leftover project supplies
41.Games with missing or broken pieces
19. Greeting and Birthday Cards that you received
43.Greeting Cards unused from previous seasons
20. Gift bags to reuse that aren't in good shape
45.Wrapping Paper Scraps
46.Notes you kept from school
47.Chargers for old phones
21. Old phones
49.OId phones cases
50.Random cords you don't use
22. Old tables, computers, etc.
52.Manuals that you can look up online
53.OId CD's (or all CDs)
54.Extra purses
55.Extra totes/bags
56.Extra mugs
57.Extra sunglasses (or other glasses you may have)
58.Old food in the refrigerator
59.Expired food from the pantry
60.OId Food in the freezer
61.Tea/coffee you never drink
62.Recipe Books
63.Dirty Sponges
64.Worn out kitchen towels
65.Food you haven't eaten and won't eat
66.Broken/chipped dishes
67.Duplicate items
68.Herbs/Spices you don't use
69.Specialty Kitchen Items not used in a year
70.Art work you don't like
71.Children's art work not displayed
72.Decor/Knick knacks that you don't like
73.DVDs you don't watch

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74. Old video games
75. Old video game consoles
76. Old Computer games
77.Duplicates of tools
78.Broken Tools
79.Tools you don't use and/or could easily borrow
80.Items in storage you never look at
81.Unfinished projects
82.Cans of paint that you no longer need
77. Memorabilia that means nothing to you
84.Expired medicine and vitamins
78. Old receipts
86.Duplicate/bad photos
79. Photos of unknown people or places
88.Paperwork you don't need to file away
89.Dead plants/flowers
80. Cleaning products you don't use
91.Furniture that isn't necessary
92.Luggage no longer used
81. Old candles
94.Take out menus
82. Take loose change to the bank
96.Old boxes and packaging
83. Workout equipment you don't use
98.Magazines
99.Old pet toys
84. Unused vases
85. Old shopping bags
86. Broken Christmas Ornaments
87. Old car chargers
88. Trash in your car
89. Loose change in your car
90. Give back borrowed items
91. VHS you can't watch
92. Audiotapes you can't listen to
93. Switch bills to paperless billing
94. Old keys
95. Expired gift cards or gift cards you aren't using

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## Things to Declutter From the Kitchen

$\qquad$ 1. Pantry: expired foods or foods nobody will eat
$\qquad$ 2. Bulky food packaging: transfer foods to clear canisters/containers to save space
$\qquad$ 3. Refrigerator: expired foods and foods nobody will eat
$\qquad$ 4. Freezer: anything expired or that will never be eaten
$\qquad$ 5. Spices: any that are expired or haven't been used in a year
$\qquad$ 6. Extra salt and pepper shakers
$\qquad$ 7. Duplicate measuring spoons and cups
$\qquad$ 8. Stained dishcloths
$\qquad$ 10. Cookie cutters
$\qquad$ 11. Cake/cookie decorating supplies
$\qquad$ 12. Mixing bowls
$\qquad$ 13. Pots and pans
$\qquad$ 14. Pan lids without a pan
$\qquad$ 15. Cookie sheets
$\qquad$ 16. Baking dishes
$\qquad$ 17. Chipped dishes
$\qquad$ 18. Coffee mugs that are chipped or you never use
$\qquad$ 19. Chipped drinking glasses
$\qquad$ 20. Plastic containers without lids
$\qquad$ 21. Extra water bottles
$\qquad$ 22. Any small appliances you haven't used in a year
$\qquad$ 23. Kitchen gadgets you never use
$\qquad$ 24. Silverware that has seen better days
25. Duplicate utensils
26. Worn out knives
$\qquad$ 27. Extra shopping bags
$\qquad$ 28. Junk drawer

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29. Expired medications and vitamins
30. Worn out scrub brushes or sponges
31. Décor that you don't like anymore
$\qquad$ 32. Excess serving pieces
$\qquad$ 33. Recipe books you never use

## Laundry Room Decluttering Tips

$\qquad$ 1. Socks without a mate, socks that have holes or are stretched out
$\qquad$ 2. Cleaning supplies you don't like and won't use
$\qquad$ 3. Cleaning tools that you never use
$\qquad$ 4. Hangers from the cleaners
$\qquad$ 5. Old appliance manuals
$\qquad$ 6. Worn out cleaning towels
$\qquad$ 7. Unusable light bulbs
$\qquad$ 8. Unused hangers

## The Family Room

$\qquad$ 1. Excess picture frames
$\qquad$ 2. Throw blankets you don't love (consider donating to an animal shelter)
$\qquad$ 3. Décor that you're tired of
$\qquad$ 4. Books you already read, and books you'll never read
$\qquad$ 5. Knick-knacks
$\qquad$ 6. Throw pillows
$\qquad$ 7. DVDs
$\qquad$ 8. Excess furniture
$\qquad$ 9. Work out equipment that you never use
$\qquad$ 10. Games with missing pieces or that your family never plays

## Decluttering Idea List

## Storage Closets

$\qquad$ 1. Holiday decorations you haven't used
$\qquad$ 2. Anything you are storing for your grown kids...have them come pick it up!
$\qquad$ 3. Leftover party decorations
$\qquad$ 4. Excess or broken luggage (consider donating your unneeded luggage to a local foster care agency. Foster kids often have to transport their belongings from place to place in a trash bag.)

## Kids Rooms

$\qquad$ 1. Damaged books and books they have outgrown (outgrown books could be donated to a local child care center)
$\qquad$ 2. Toys and games that they are too old for and toys they never play with
$\qquad$ 3. Toys that are damaged
$\qquad$ 4. Clothes and shoes they have outgrown
$\qquad$ 5. Décor they have outgrown
$\qquad$ 6. Coats and gloves they have outgrown
$\qquad$ 7. Outside toys they've outgrown or never play with
$\qquad$ 8. Stuffed animals no longer loved

## Declutter the Bedroom and Closets

$\qquad$ 1. Broken jewelry and jewelry you never wear
$\qquad$ 2. Belts you haven't worn in a year
$\qquad$ 3. Handbags not used in a year
$\qquad$ 4. Clothing that doesn't fit, is damaged or you never wear
$\qquad$ 5. Old and worn-out bedding (animal shelters would love to have these)
$\qquad$ 6. Pillows past their best life (animal shelters would love these too)
$\qquad$ 7. Raggedy rugs

## The Bathroom

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$\qquad$ 1. Almost empty bottles of lotion, shampoo, conditioner
$\qquad$ 2. Expired cosmetics and make-up that didn't work out
$\qquad$ 3. Dried up nail polish or polish you hated
$\qquad$ 4. Duplicate or dull manicure/pedicure tools
$\qquad$ 5. Worn out hair brushes
$\qquad$ 6. Damaged hair tools
$\qquad$ 7. Stretched out hair ties
$\qquad$ 8. Dingy or damaged towels and washcloths
$\qquad$ 9. Icky kids bath toys

## Tool/Craft Closet

$\qquad$ 1. Old paint
$\qquad$ 2. Abandoned projects that you'll never finish
$\qquad$ 3. Broken tools
$\qquad$ 4. Duplicate tools
$\qquad$ 5. Specialty tools you'll never use again
$\qquad$ 6. Dried up paintbrushes and paint rollers
$\qquad$ 7. Crafting/sewing supplies
$\qquad$ 8. Excessive number of organizing tubs and baskets

## Decluttering the Office

$\qquad$ 1. Cords/wires that are a mystery
$\qquad$ 2. Old computers and laptops (consider donating to a small private school that may not have the funds for technology)
_3. Old Phones
$\qquad$ 4. Old Phone Cases
__5. Used Printer cartridges (recycle or have them refilled
__6. Empty boxes from things you bought

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7. Old electronics
8. Used or partially used notebooks
9. Pens and markers that don't work
10. Duplicate office supplies (donate to a school or church)
11. Receipts (except for big-ticket items or those used for tax reporting)
12. Unneeded paperwork
13. Mystery keys you've had for 20 years
14. Broken Binders
