



## October 2011 Facebook Tips



*Magically Organized is proud to present...*

*All of October's tips in one place—*

*Use it as a checklist to get you, your life and your home more organized.*

1<sup>st</sup> -- No tip posted.

2<sup>nd</sup> -- No tip posted.

3<sup>rd</sup> -- Take at least 10 minutes each week to check your SPAM folder. Anything that isn't SPAM, mark it as such so that next time it will come into your Inbox and delete any that are SPAM. You might be surprised what you find when sorting through the emails there!

4<sup>th</sup> -- When was the last time you purged your owner's manuals? Take 15 minutes to sort through them quickly and to trash the ones that you no longer have the product for or that you no longer need.

5<sup>th</sup> -- Don't let running around and errands get in the way of your life! Take time to schedule your goals into your time. You and your family are too important for you to ignore or forget!

6<sup>th</sup> -- As you get out your Halloween decorations, be sure to purge them as appropriate. If they look beat or no longer suit your tastes, either trash them or send them off for donation. At the end of the season, when packing them away, be sure to wrap any breakables so that you don't end up with unwanted results next time Halloween comes around.

7<sup>th</sup> -- Put together a mini-tool kit to have readily accessible in your home for quick jobs like hanging a picture. Some items to include are a Phillips head and flathead screwdrivers, a hammer, measuring tape, small level and flashlight.

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10<sup>th</sup> -- If at all possible, lay out your clothes the night before so that there isn't any time wasted in the morning deciding what to wear. Of course, this is a great thing to do with the kids also.

11<sup>th</sup> -- As the weather is getting chilly in many parts of the U.S. and you prepare your family for it, consider buying an extra pair of mittens, gloves, hat or scarf for someone in need. Many churches, temples and schools will be happy to get them to the people who need them most.

12<sup>th</sup> -- When organizing your family's schedule, be sure to block out time for reading. Even if it is only 15 minutes once or twice a week, it will reap huge rewards for you and your kids.

13<sup>th</sup> -- Before winter approaches, be sure to tend to the trees in your yard. Now is the time to trim back branches that are close to your house and/or are not healthy. Be extra careful when doing this task or consider hiring a professional.

14<sup>th</sup> -- Sometime in the next couple of weeks, book some time on your calendar to go pumpkin or apple picking. It's fun, reasonably priced, and you get to bring home not only apples or pumpkins, but great memories too!

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17<sup>th</sup> -- Sometimes people have a tough time parting with their things when they think about how much they paid for them; however, you should be considering how much they are costing you to keep them. How much aggravation? How much discomfort? How much work? It's probably "less expensive" to get rid of them than it is to keep them...especially if you are paying for a storage unit to house them.

18<sup>th</sup> -- "The first step to getting organized is to work from the vision of the life you want to live. Everything flows from this." -- It's All Too Much, by Peter Walsh.

19<sup>th</sup> -- If you are cleaning out your fridge or pantry and find that there are many items that are ready to expire, consider using them up in this week's menu instead of throwing them out. Or cook them up into meals that you can freeze for another time. Of course, if it's already expired, get rid of it. Don't take a chance of getting sick just to save a few dollars.

20<sup>th</sup> -- If you haven't already, you should get out this week to get costumes and candy for Halloween. If possible, don't wait until the weekend, because everyone else will be there then. Try to go on an afternoon after school or an evening after dinner; the crowds will be much less.

21<sup>st</sup> -- It can be difficult to sort and purge your cosmetics because they can be so expensive; however, if you don't like the color or it isn't a good match for your skin tones, why keep it? Additionally, as make-up ages it does actually expire. Most items will develop an odor that is a clear indication that it's time to throw it away.

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24<sup>th</sup> -- A lot of time is wasted by answering phone calls and listening to messages that you don't even want to receive. Consider using call block to save yourself time and aggravation. Most phone services offer this free of charge.

25<sup>th</sup> -- Start writing out your holiday shopping list now. That way if a particular item that you want to purchase goes on sale between now and the holiday, you can pick it up at a discount. Having the list will help to keep you on track of what you want to buy and what you've already bought so as not to overbuy and blow your budget.

26<sup>th</sup> -- Today's tip is from Peter Walsh's "It's All Too Much" -- It if doesn't fit into the everyday purpose of the room and there is nowhere else to suitably store it, is it really worth keeping? This is a great thought to keep in mind when you are trying to purge your belongings.

27<sup>th</sup> -- When placing dry cleaning into your closet, be sure to remove the bag. It has been said that it can be harmful to your clothes to leave it on and it just looks so much better without the bag. Additionally, by removing the bag, you can separate the contents and make them more visible. Further you can then organize them according to your closet layout (e.g., shirts together, pants together, etc.).

28<sup>th</sup> -- "(Clutter control is) about keeping things that make sense for your life--your real life, not a fantasy of what was or what could be. Stuff is secondary to who you are." -- Peter Walsh in "It's All Too Much"

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31<sup>st</sup> -- Happy Halloween everyone!! Enjoy it and be safe!!