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Pantry Clean-out

Your pantry is where every member of your family goes multiple times a day. You want to be sure that the food is easy to view/get to and not expired. The quickest and easiest way to get your pantry under control is to completely empty it.

Getting a pantry in order should only take about 1 hour. Remove all items from the pantry and place on the counters or the kitchen table. Don't worry about dates on packages or any of the particulars just yet.

Once all of the items are out of the pantry, wipe down all of the shelving. Use a mild soap with warm water to wipe any grime, dust or spills off of the shelving. Then dry with a soft towel.

Take a look at how many shelves are available to you and decide how you want to sort your food. You can sort it by categories such as: snacks, canned goods, pasta and other boxed products, cereals, paper goods, etc.

Once you've decided how you are going to sort, identify what shelf each category will go on. You can even label the shelves if you think this will help you and your family to keep the pantry in order. (NOTE: Consider keeping snacks within kids' reaching distance if you want them to help themselves or up high out of their reach if you'd rather do the choosing.)

Now you're ready to sort and purge. As you pick up each item, do the following:



1. Check the expiration date.
2. If it is expired or shows any signs of deterioration (bulging cans, rodent damage, etc.), then throw it out.
3. If it is still useable, decide if your family will eat it or if it will serve someone else better. If you're family's tastes have changed, go ahead and donate it to your local food bank.
4. If you're family enjoys it, then put it on its corresponding shelf.
5. Be sure to put the older items in front of the newer ones so that you can use them up before they expire.
6. If items have not yet expired, but are close to the expiration date, be sure to use them up this week in your menu plan.
7. Continue with steps 1-6 over and over until every item is where it belongs.
8. Lastly, step back and look at your work and enjoy it!

Once your pantry is cleaned out you will better know what you need to purchase on upcoming shopping trips and will be better able to make your grocery lists in the future. Additionally, everyone in the family will be able to find items more easily and you won't have to hear, "Where are the crackers?"

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Your Suggestions & Requests

Magically Organized is always eager to hear your feedback. You can make your suggestions, requests and comments by contacting me via email, phone, the Web, or on Facebook. I love hearing your ideas and helping you to achieve your goals. Feel free to contact me and tell me what you'd like to hear about in a future newsletter!

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Magically Organized is focused on you and your peace of mind. I work alongside you to make your life easier. I pride myself on providing high-quality, confidential service.

I work with you to eliminate the clutter. I can help you to finally get your car in the garage, sort through a closet, empty a basement, or anything in between. Together, we will work at a pace that is good for you. When we are finished, you will have an easier, more peaceful life.

I began Magically Organized to help to bring peace and solace to others. It is my intention and goal to help you get through the clutter so that you will have relaxation and comfort in your home again.

I believe that you can change someone's life by helping them to conquer a task that seems insurmountable. The sense of relief that you will feel when the job is complete is why I do this work. It is very rewarding!

I began this company because I have a natural talent for organizing and I want to pass it on. I love organizing and want to show you how it can make your life easier. I welcome the opportunity to earn your trust and deliver you the best service in the industry.