

General Household Categories Checklist

Organize Your Home for Greater Ease and Efficiency

A well-organized home begins with clear categories for everyday items, practical storage solutions, and consistent habits. Use this checklist as a guide to streamline your household and make every room more functional.

Household Categories and Suggested Storage

- Office Supplies
 - Examples: Pens, sticky notes, scissors, tape, paper clips
 - Suggested Home: Desk drawer organizer, labeled bins, or rolling cart
- Craft Supplies
 - Examples: Yarn, glue, paint, Cricut tools, vinyl, stamps
 - Suggested Home: Clear bins, stackable drawers, craft cabinet, or shelf
- Cleaning Supplies
 - Examples: Sprays, sponges, rags, brushes, gloves
 - Suggested Home: Under-sink caddy, utility closet, or laundry shelf bin
- Batteries + Lightbulbs
 - Suggested Home: Small drawer organizer or labeled container
- Cords, Chargers, Tech Accessories
 - Examples: Phone cords, headphones, power banks, adapters
 - Suggested Home: Zip pouches or labeled bins in a tech station
- Tools + DIY Items
 - Examples: Screwdrivers, nails, picture hangers, tape measure
 - Suggested Home: Toolbox, pegboard, or garage bins
- First Aid + Medicines
 - Suggested Home: Labeled bins or drawers in a cool, dry cabinet
- Sort into “every day,” “prescriptions,” and “emergency.”
- Personal Care Items
 - Examples: Lotions, razors, makeup, hairbrushes
 - Suggested Home: Bathroom baskets or drawer organizers
- Seasonal Decor
 - Suggested Home: Labeled bins in garage, attic, or basement

- Kitchen Utensils + Tools
 - Examples: Mixing spoons, spatulas, measuring cups
 - Suggested Home: Drawer organizers or jars by the stove
- Pantry Items
 - Examples: Baking goods, snacks, canned goods, spices
 - Suggested Home: Bins or turntables; label shelves
- Linens
 - Examples: Towels, sheets, washcloths
 - Suggested Home: Linen closet or labeled bathroom shelves
- Sentimental Keepsakes
 - Examples: Cards, kids' artwork, photos
 - Suggested Home: Memory boxes, labeled bins, or under-bed totes
- Pet Supplies
 - Examples: Leashes, toys, grooming items, treats
 - Suggested Home: Bin near door, laundry cabinet, or kitchen drawer
- Mail + Paperwork
 - Examples: Bills, receipts, important documents
 - Suggested Home: File box, folders, or command center trays
- Hobby Items
 - Examples: Puzzles, books, board games, knitting
 - Suggested Home: Bookshelves, baskets, or hobby cabinet
- Outdoor Gear
 - Examples: Sunscreen, bug spray, gardening gloves
 - Suggested Home: Entryway bin, garage shelf, or mudroom cabinet
- Shoes + Accessories
 - Examples: Scarves, belts, hats
 - Suggested Home: Closet bins, hanging organizers, shoe racks

Tips for Organizational Success

- One Home Per Category – Assign a dedicated storage spot for each category to avoid items being scattered throughout the house.
- Label Everything – Clear labeling helps everyone in the household know where to find and return items, making tidying up a shared effort.
- Weekly Check-In – Take a few minutes each week to re-home any stray items and keep clutter at bay.

- Keep It Simple – Don't overwhelm yourself. Start with just three to five categories per room, then expand as you find what works best for your family.

An organized home is a peaceful home. Use this checklist to create order, save time, and enjoy a more harmonious living space.