

Path To Simplicity

By Next Rock Organizing

Back to school season is just around the corner...

As summer comes to an end and the kids head back to school, we start to think of ways to make life easier! How can we shorten our routines? Make mornings smoother? If there is ever a time to channel simplicity, back to school season is it!

Your September "Get Organized" Checklist

- Start transitioning your closets over for cooler weather
- Clean out your fridge and freezer to make meal prep as simple as possible
- Create an after school snack station - see below!
- Begin moving summer gear to the back of the garage and bringing fall items up front
- Check that your heating system is in tip top shape, schedule a service if needed
- Get a head start on your fall garden clean up
- Prep your entryway now for the influx of warmer/heavier items

Playroom Organization Tips

With the kids back in school, it's the perfect opportunity to set aside some time during the day to re organize the playroom. An organized playroom encourages independent play and reduces frustration for everyone, a win-win! P.S we love the "one in, one out" rule when it comes to maintaining playroom organization!



1. Take full advantage of wall space - think book shelves, picture ledges, rods and racks.

2. Organize by colour - not only is it pleasing to the eye, but it makes it easier for younger kids to maintain the organization.

3. Keep simpler toys at eye level and within easy reach, while placing more advanced items that require assistance (think large puzzles, large toy sets) higher up.

4. Incorporate multi use storage solutions - coffee tables with added storage, ottomans with space inside, cubbies that can be used as seating etc.

5. Be realistic about purging and donating - as our kids get older, their toys can hold a huge amount of memories and sentimental value! But when they have outgrown these items, don't hang on and let things accumulate. It's time for these items to be donated and have a second life!

Purge & Donate!

It's time to sort through all of your summer clothes and gear that your family has outgrown or is no longer needed - don't pack them away for another year!

It's best to sort through now and save yourself the storage space...and time next season!



Create a snack station!

Make afternoon snack time a breeze by creating a self serve station!



Foster independence and let everyone help themselves! Decant items into clear containers, organize by commodity and place them within reach. Not only does this help to make snack time smoother, but it also helps you to easily see what you are running low on next time you head out to shop!

Let's get you organized!

Looking for some extra help getting organized? We are currently booking for the upcoming season and would love to hear from you! Let us know how we can help, we provide complimentary consultations!

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