

# How to Get Organized When You Live in a Small House



Living in a small house is a cozy experience, but finding a place for everything you own can be a difficult task. Every small space has its challenges, and learning how to utilize the storage space is vital. While living in a small home can feel a little cramped at times, there are strategies that can be used to help make a small home feel tidy, organized, and welcoming. Below are four ways you can get well organized while living in a small house:

## 1. **ANALYZE** to find items that don't match your home's size.

When it comes to small home living, the underlying issue is that we choose to hold on to more items than we really need. The first big step in organizing your home is understanding what you use every week and what you don't.

## 2. **PLAN** by making a list of the items you actually use.

While it's nice to have appliances and furniture available that we rarely use, those items are not essential. Going through every room in the house and separating the things you use **OFTEN** from the things you rarely use will open up much-needed space throughout your small home. This includes drinking glasses, pots, furniture pieces, electronics, collectables, and books. Anything you don't use frequently isn't actually needed.

## 3. **TACKLE** your home by systemizing your storage.

Now that you have separated the items that you don't use from the items that you do use, it's time to reorganize your house around the items that you have chosen to keep. This should help declutter a majority of the house and make your home feel more open and organized. Even spaces like a home office or library can be stripped down and reorganized to become more functional while using less space. At this point, look around the rooms where you have items that take up storage space. Brainstorm to see if you can combine certain broad categories of items into a single location or find other ways to utilize the space that you've freed up across the house. By the time you're done with this step, you should have freed up some amazing vacant (empty) space throughout your home.

## 4. **LOOK UP** and **DOWN** to make the most of walls and hideaways.

While you will not be able to keep everything that you'd like in your home, you may be able to salvage a few of the items that are on their way out the door. Utilizing vertical space and hidden space is an excellent way to keep your small home orderly. Whether you're looking for a wall shelf on which to place your books or a storage box that can slide under the bed, there are creative ways to make the walls and hideaways within your home highly effective for storing items you use less often.

Using these four simple strategies to organize your small house will make your home feel more spacious, clean, and organized. While there are challenges to living in a small house, having a place that keeps you cozy and relaxed will always be a place worth calling home.

