

LIFE SKILLS & VALUE EDUCATION MODULE

**An Important Life skill that affects our daily life
Kids, this weekend, let's clear off the clutter in our home...**

Have you ever tried to get rid of the clutter in your home? Haphazardly we walk through the stuff we do not need, searching helter-skelter for things we need in our homes searching for stuff we do not need. Oddly enough each item seems to call out to us with its greater purpose in the scheme of our lives. You have heard the phrase that clutter takes on a life of its own, well now it is time for drastic measures that give clutter a life far away from yours.

The Categories

Find 4 boxes and label them with the 4 categories.

Trash
Give Away/Sell
Storage
Put away

Trash : This should include any item that you do not need or want. Remember that it is not worth donating or selling. **Damaged and broken items** should be included in the trash if they are not worth someone buying it and repairing it.

Give Away/Sell: Be generous. Think about the uses someone else might get out of the items vs. the use it gets in your home buried in cabinets or closets. Consider the financial benefits of selling your stuff.

Storage- Put **items** in here that you cannot part with but **do not need on a regular basis. Make an inventory of the items as you box them.** Group similar items together. Remember one **good way to clean out closets is to store out of season clothing.**

Put Away- This **should be your smallest category.** These are **items that need to be used on a regular basis such as toys, books,** etc. Monitor yourself by determining if you have a place for each item. If the items in this box will not fit into your home without cluttering an area up, try to reassess if you really need them.

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