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Keeping Track of Everyday Items

Losing things is a fact of life, it can happen to anyone! Below are the things we most commonly lose, along with solutions for not misplacing them anymore.

Socks – Instead of constantly searching for your sock’s missing mate, use a garment bag or sweater bag to hold your pairs of socks while laundering:
<http://tinyurl.com/orw59v>

Baby’s Favorite Toy – Instead of having just one of your little one’s favorites, purchase a few. That way if your baby or young toddler loses their favorite toy, it is replaceable. Just make sure you pick their favorite toy so that you don’t end up spending a lot of money on multiples!

Wallet, Sun Glasses, and Keys – Use an accessory valet and train yourself to put these items in the same places every night. <http://tinyurl.com/p7ahx5>

Receipts – Here are a variety of receipt organizers:
<http://www.thefind.com/office/info-receipt-organizer>. Any of these will work to help keep your receipts together and organized for when you need them.

Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices – This valet is a great way to keep your gadgets contained and charged! <http://tinyurl.com/qvlo8q>

With these tools you are on your way to keeping track of essential items in your life!

Tip of the Month

While making pasta for dinner, or any other 10 minute “hands free” job in the kitchen, try your hand at one of the following power tasks:

- **Go through the mail.** Stand over the recycling bin and toss out all junk mail. Then shred items that shouldn’t just be tossed, such as credit card offers.
- **Go through one of your kitchen drawers.** It probably needs straightening up. Why not take these few minutes to

organize it? If you haven’t used your four tea strainers in 6 months or more, you probably won’t. Keep one, donate the other three.

- **Wipe out your refrigerator and toss out old food.** The old food could be leftovers or an old jar of green olives. Check the expiration date and toss it out if it has expired. As you are doing this, take a minute to wipe off the shelves, since there will probably be a lot less in the refrigerator by the time you are done!

Reclaiming your Space

If you are a new parent, you're most likely being bombarded by toys even though your baby is still an infant. Why not take charge of all the chaos before your little one starts walking? This way you can teach your kids to be better organized or at least have a little more control over the way your home looks. Below is a list of supplies that will corral the truckload of toys.

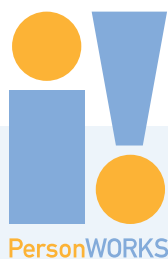
This cube storage is a great way to keep all of the toys organized. <http://tinyurl.com/ow2etr>. Use these crates to separate the toys into categories. You could either sort by color, or color code the toys for each child if you have more than one. These crates are also excellent for keeping books tidy on the bookshelf. And check out these great containers for your child's toys: <http://tinyurl.com/plsn4r>.

This First Year Variety Pack is a fantastic way to keep control over all of the sippy cups, bowls, utensils, and snack containers <http://tinyurl.com/rdahtx>. Be sure to keep the bag that the set comes in, so that it stays together. It not only will keep your multiple food containers organized, but you won't lose any lids!

This semi-open system is a sweet, creative and organized way to keep the nursery in order: <http://tinyurl.com/r6hf8n>. Note: the baskets do not come with this item.

This bath storage tray <http://tinyurl.com/pb3g72> is a great way to organize bath toys. It not only makes the toys accessible to little fingers when your kids are taking a bath, but it keeps the playthings out of the tub.

The Sling Bookshelf <http://tinyurl.com/p9chcy> is an excellent way to encourage your kids to help with keeping the books organized. It's easier to use than a traditional bookshelf, so it's more likely to be used by your children as they grow.



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