

PAPER PURGE SCAVENGER HUNT

Unnecessary papers are hidden in plain sight on valuable real estate.
Find them and let them go!



1. Junk mail (Pro move! Call the biggest offenders to take you off their mailing list.)
2. Magazines you've had for more than a month (if you have a lot, see if you can donate them to a library, shelter, school, etc.) must be staple-free for prison donations.
3. Canceled checks, old check registers, check carbon copies — shred these. Only keep current tax year or those that are relevant for taxes.
4. Information you already know — Save only papers that provide fresh information.
5. Excessive stash of scratch paper, stationery, and cards.
6. Old calendars, Takeout menus.
7. Envelopes from bills to be paid.
8. Faded greeting cards, stationery you no longer use (keep a sheet for reference if you really like it).
9. Receipts, auto and records, and bank statements, unless needed for tax purposes.
10. Old invitations, unless of extreme sentimental value — you can always take a photo of it.
11. Warranties, receipts, and manuals for items that you no longer own or are expired.
12. Personal journals that you don't want anyone else to read — shred these.
13. Manuals for appliances, software, and other equipment — download the electronic file.
14. Photos with poor exposure, composition, or unidentifiable people.
15. Wrapping paper scraps.
16. Notes from college courses more than a decade old, early drafts of creative writing.
17. Old store loyalty cards.
18. Expired coupons, outdated brochures.
19. Ticket stubs.
20. Books that are falling apart.
21. Newspapers.
22. Old business cards, telephone books.
23. Outdated flyers and announcements.
24. Yellowed paper plates and napkins.
25. Any overabundance of boxes. Nest the keepers to save space when stored.

