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Tips for Decluttering

It's that time of year again. Does it spark joy? No? Then out it goes! Out of your closet and into ours anyway. When you donate at Out of the Closet Thrift Stores, 96 cents of every dollar made goes back into providing HIV care and services in your community.

Not sure where to start with your spring cleaning this year? Don't worry! We've got you covered with these helpful tips for decluttering your space.

1. "Shop" for Others

Rather than approaching spring cleaning with a mindset of "what can you get rid of" consider instead what you could part with—shoes, coats, pots and pans—so that others can have it. When you donate items to [Out of the Closet](#), you're giving them a new life and filling our stores for other people. This strategy can help take the sting out of parting with items and could renew your efforts to lighten your own load.

2. Pretend You're Moving

This one's a mental exercise: pretend you're moving from one apartment to another, and you need to pack everything up, pay to have it moved, and then unpack it. This can help you rethink what you "need" from small items to larger ones like couches, desks, chairs, etc. Don't forget, if you have large items to donate, you can [schedule a pick-up at Out of the Closet](#) and our staff will come to you to pick it up.

3. Remember What You Gain by Letting Go

Another helpful spring cleaning strategy is to replace every two or three items you donate with one new thing. [Don't forget to check out what your local Out of the Closet has for sale.](#) You might find the perfect thing to replace in your newly decluttered space.

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Is It Time to Spring Clean?

It might be the season for cleaning, but it can be hard to know when your "stuff" becomes too much. Here are five warning signs that it's time to spring clean your home.

1. You Can't Find Things

Regularly misplacing everyday items or spending time looking for them is one of the main warning signs that you need to let some items go.

2. Drawers and Cabinets Won't Easily Close

Can't close your desk drawers without breaking a sweat? Do you have to fold your workout clothes just so or your dresser won't shut? We hate to break it to you but it might be time to bring your donations into [Out of the Closet](#).

3. Flat Surfaces Have No Clear Space

When you have too much stuff in your home, chances are your flat surfaces will be the first thing to fill up. If you find your flat surfaces being taken over by miscellaneous items, you can be sure that is one of the warning signs you need to declutter your home.

4. You're Not Keeping Up With The Dishes

By limiting the number of dishes we have, there's no way they can get completely out of control. If you find the dishes piling up in the sink, that's a pretty darn clear sign you can bring your kitchen items into [Out of the Closet](#).

5. The Laundry is Piling Up

Much like the dishes, when the laundry baskets begin to overflow it's a pretty clear warning sign you need to declutter.

Any of these warning signs sound familiar? It might be time to declutter your home! Join us for spring cleaning season and bring your donations into Out of the Closet. Your house and your conscience will thank you.

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Mindful Spring Cleaning

So you've made your donations, now what?

Once you've successfully decluttered your space, it can be hard not to fill it right back up again. That's why we've put together some helpful tips to mindfully reorganize and shop for your newly decluttered space. Mindful shopping decisions can save you time, money, and support sustainability.

1. Hit the Pause Button

Making great choices needs our full attention and awareness. When we're distracted or in a rush, it's almost impossible to make the right decisions. Spontaneous, impulsive purchases are too often the ones we regret. So, hitting the pause button before we proceed to the checkout is always a good idea.

2. Don't Overspend

Part of making mindful shopping decisions is the effect your purchases will have on your wallet. Out of the Closet Thrift Store is a great place to score budget-friendly, unique, vintage finds. [Find a store near you](#) to see what your local Out of the Closet has in stock!

3. Shop Sustainably

Mindful shopping isn't just about buying less and spending less, it's also about feeling good about the purchases you're making. Shopping second-hand is naturally eco-friendly. You're giving new life to something ordinarily destined for the landfill. And when you shop at Out of the Closet Thrift Stores, 96 cents of every dollar made goes back into HIV care and services. You're not only shopping sustainably but supporting a good cause as well.

[Find an Out of the Closet Thrift Store](#) near you and let the mindful shopping begin!

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