

# Home organization for the busy household



ARA – Between work, school, children's activities, family obligations and travel plans, today's busy families are left with little time to keep their homes tidy and well-organized. With summer fast approaching, it is important for on-the-go families to realize that home organization does not have to be difficult or time consuming.

If you follow these tips, you will learn to prioritize your home organization needs, delegate responsibilities, and ultimately save valuable time:

- **Make a plan:** Keep a small journal in which you list all the areas you would like to tackle before the summer. This will remind you what to focus on and help you organize and clean in less time.

- **Teach your family to pitch in:** If you're the main housekeeper, it's reasonable to ask family members to help with chores such as loading the dishwasher, picking up toys, taking out the trash and doing the laundry. Delegating small chores throughout the year makes larger organization projects a much easier task.

- **Stick to a schedule:** The new Martha Stewart Home Office with Avery line at Staples offers dry-erase weekly planner calendars, allowing you to create chore charts for family members and assign each task a time slot or day of the week. Place the chart on the door of the refrigerator, so everyone sees it regularly. Schedule a cleaning task as you would a play date or other fun activity.

- **Tackle one room at a time:** To prevent yourself from becoming overwhelmed, it is important to identify the areas that need to be organized. From there, determine which tasks are most necessary in each of those rooms. For example, in your home office, you may need to declutter your desktop by filing away papers in magazine files or organizing financial information in a freestanding accordion file. The Stack+Fit system from Martha Stewart Home Office with Avery, available at Staples, provides many options that can be customized to your specific needs.

- **Use bins and labels to organize trash:** Instead of simply dividing items into separate piles that will likely get knocked over or mixed up, use plastic bins and adhesive labels that say keep, recycle, or donate.

These simple steps make home organization more enjoyable and manageable for a busy, active family. Follow the tips to freshen up your home and get ready to enjoy summer.

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AREA	PRICE	DAY/TIMES	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	LISTED BY	AGENT	PHONE
Bedford	\$299,900	Sun 1:30-3:00	3266 Chanson Valley Dr.	4 brm, 3.5 bath on wooded ravine lot	Welles Bowen Gio Realty, Inc.	Ron Klawonn	419-410-1151
Bedford	\$139,900	Sun 1:30-3:00	4137 Sheffield Place	3 brm, 2 bath, 1 story home, lg rooms, fireplace	Welles Bowen Gio Realty, Inc.	John Decker	419-944-7278
Bedford	\$184,900	Sun 11:00-1:00	8597 Tanglewood	Over 1700 sq ft, handicap access, pool	Welles Bowen Gio Realty, Inc.	Michelle Rumans	419-467-5882
Beverly	\$119,900	Sunday 11:00-1:00	3904 Rugby	Location! Charm! 2 story, 3 brm	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Peg Lowrie	419-779-5754
Bowling Green	\$139,900	Sunday 12:30-2:00	138 Williams	Large ranch near BGSU, www.toonteamhomesales.com!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Deb Shaffer	419-287-4284
Crossgates	\$129,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	1518 Cherrylawn Dr.	840 sq ft large bedroom, 2 baths, move in	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Anna Marie Wong	419-356-2829
Delta	\$229,000	Sun 1:00-3:00	8323 Co Rd 7-2	3 acres, custom built home, finished bsmt	Welles Bowen Realtors	Deanna Miller	419-966-4059
East Suburban	\$159,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	1287 W. Main - Woodville, OH	Over 2600 sq, 3 brms, 2 full baths, attached garage, updated kitchen, baths, more	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	John Zeisler	419-351-3100
Five Points	\$69,350	Sunday 2-4 pm	4437 Pennfield	Good West location, updates incl: roof, boiler, some new windows & carpet	Sulphur Springs Realty	Al Hotchkiss	419-261-1463
Franklin Park	\$149,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	4319 Dogwood	Impeccable 3 brm, 2 bath brick ranch on 1/2 acre lot, new windows, newer carpet	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Barb Waite-Sehnk	419-270-6049
Franklin Park/Trilby	\$184,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	4325 Mockingbird	Charming West Chester Woods home, private brick walled patio, finished rec rm	Sulphur Springs Realty	Sheryl Demko	419-882-6301
Graytown	\$169,000	Sunday 2:30-5:00	17710 Moline Martin	Just listed-28x52 attached garage	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Pat Rosencrantz	419-266-7696
Haskins	\$149,999	Sunday 1:00-3:00	1015 S. Sullivan	Great 3 brm with finished rec room	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Ann Mahon	419-461-4587
Heatherdowns/River Rd.	\$219,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	4142 Deepwood	Overlooks golf course, 4 brm, recently remodeled, finished basement	Sulphur Springs Realty	Betty Lazzaro	419-666-8606
Heatherdowns	\$74,900	Sunday Noon-3 pm	3145 Strathmoor	New price \$74,900! Absolutely Impeccable! Everything is New! 3 Brm Beauty	Beth Rose Auction/Loss Realty Group	Beth Rose	419-534-6223
Heatherdowns	\$119,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	2555 Lake Vista	3 bedroom condo w/den, move in condition	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Pat Zielinski	419-944-8120
Holland	\$99,900	Sunday 12-2 pm	407 Danesmoor	4 brm ranch w/full bsmt, huge fenced in yard, all appliances stay, tons of storage	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Emily Schifferly	419-351-7582
Holland	\$219,000	Sun 1:00-3:00	7319 Fox Lane	3 brm, 2.5 bath, very clean home, pristine landscaping, neutral colors thru-out	Welles Bowen Realtors	Julie Crotin-Duncan	419-787-8926
Holland	\$209,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	7925 Hidden View	3 brm, 2.1 bath, 2080 sq ft, lake frontage	Welles Bowen Realtors	Penny Kice	419-466-4034
Lamberville		Sun 2:00-4:00	4173 Deerfield Woods	Sprawling ranch on wooded acre	Welles Bowen Gio Realty, Inc.	Aggie	734-856-6394
Maumee	\$109,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	706 Colwell	Reduced price! River Rd. Area!	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Norma Hoecherl	419-897-9077
Maumee	\$129,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	633 Dussel	3 brms, 1836 sq ft, 1st "Open House"!	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Carl Rouse	419-913-6865
Maumee	\$119,000	Sunday 2:00-4:00	6965 Fenwyck Rd.	Brandywine white brick 2 brm, 2.5 bath, UPDATED	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Patricia Jennings	419-866-9426
Maumee	\$94,000	Sunday 2:00-4:00	816 Johnson	New furnace, roof, windows	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Gerald Meyer	419-283-3209
Maumee	\$119,900	Sunday 2:30-4:30	6369 Millbrook	New price, 3 brm ranch, tons of updates, big fenced in yard, Springfield schools	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Emily Schifferly	419-351-7582
Maumee	\$118,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	1765 Parkway	Move right in this immaculate 3 brm ranch, fresh paint, new carpe & kitchen floors	Oak Valley Realtors	Dick Perkins	419-262-2118
Maumee	\$124,900	Sunday 12-2 pm	622 Sackett	3 brm, 1 bath, open floor plan for kitchen, dining & family rm, lg master on main	Real Advantage Realty	Guy Cameron	419-514-0425
Millbury	\$109,900	Sunday 1-3 pm	29052 Kearsley, Millbury, OH 43447	3 brm ranch, family room + sunroom, 4 car parking	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Ann Banas	419-376-3502

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Monclova/Waterside	\$214,900	Sunday 1-4 pm	7276 Bay Harbour Ct.	Just listed! Price right! Full water lot w/dock, over 2000 sf, charming & inviting	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Sharon Kowalski	419-277-4125
Northwood Township	\$209,900	Sun.12-4	2270 Ridgewood Place	2250sq.ft.,3 brdm., 2 bath, open plan, sun rm., fp, lrg.deck, 2.5car, 10 ft.ceiling	List and Sell Realty	Doug young	419-466-7666
Oregon	\$247,000	Sunday 6/24, 2-4 pm	515 Foxridge	Beautiful ranch by "Blake Homes", 3 brms, 2 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, 9' bsmt/egress	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Becky Naugle	419-266-2776
Ottawa Hills	\$179,000	Sunday 2:00-4:00	5426 Citation N.	Main floor condo	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Barb Schlatter	419-351-2478
Ottawa Hills	\$469,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	3525 W. Bancroft	Exceptional updated rich cherry kitchen! 5 brm, 4+ baths	Effler Schmitt Co.	Daniel Effler	419-537-1113
Ottawa Hills	\$175,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	3440 Chestnut Hill	Finished lower level w/tons of built-ins! 4 brm, 3 baths	Effler Schmitt Co.	Howard Fink	419-537-1113
Perrysburg	\$194,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	28330 W. River Rd.	Back on market, walk out lower level, updated	Sulphur Springs Realty	Billie Bodnar	419-874-3230
Perrysburg	\$179,900	Sunday 2:30-4:30	9602 Millcroft	4 brm, 2 1/2 baths, both full baths updated w/beautiful tile, formal LR & DR, lg deck	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Vicki Sedlak	419-346-4081
Perrysburg	\$109,000	Sunday 2-4 pm	245 Cherry St.	Charming, move-in ready, near downtown Perrysburg, 2 brm, 1 bath, C/A new '11	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Gerig/Gorun	419-283-9654
Perrysburg	\$124,900	Sunday 1:00-3:00	28799 Stargate	Everything has been updated for you	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Linda Burnham	419-870-1136
Perrysburg	\$245,000	Sunday, 6/24/12, 12-2 pm	6275 Brookhaven	3 brm, 2.5 bath, 2 story w/2012 sf, 2.5 car garage, great rm w/balcony & fireplace	RE/MAX Central Group	Gerri Walczak	419-261-7362
Perrysburg	\$154,900	Sunday 12-2:30	325 W.S. Boundary	3 brms, 2 full baths, 2036 sf, open floor plan, great deck & lg back yard	Sulphur Springs Realty	J.J. Kosmider	419-356-2209
Perrysburg	\$169,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	1091 Westbrook	4 brms, Perrysburg schools, mint condition!	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Joe DiSalle	419-460-5235
Perrysburg	\$235,900	Sunday 1-4pm	1459 Ridge Cross Rd	2142 sqft plus Finished Bsmt on Large, Shaded Lot. 4 Brm, 3 1/2 Bath.	For Sale By Owner	Erin Kincaid	419-874-0208
Petersburg, MI	\$289,000	Sun 2:00-4:00	18139 Ida Center	Country French on 2 acres, 4 brm, 2.5 bath	Welles Bowen Gio Realty, Inc.	Dan Chambers	419-279-0226
Point Place	\$439,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	3130 Shoreland	1 acre on the River w/pool & deep water access, 3 lg brms, 3 lg baths, 2752 sf	Marketplace Realty	Jane Weasel	419-467-1886
Point Place	\$69,900	Sunday 2:30-4 pm	2426 106th St.	Very nice, 3 brm, new roof/windows, newer furnace/water heater, updated kitchen	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Brian Zientek	419-704-3594
Point Place	\$129,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	2646 117th	1st open, bsmt ranch w/mother-in-law suite	Welles Bowen Realtors	Kay McArdle	419-654-0059
Rossford	\$152,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	715 Glenwood	Newly remodeled, just move in	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Larry Van Vlerah	419-351-6087
Rossford	\$113,900	Sunday 3:00-5:00 pm	39 Roland Ct.	Ranch w/3 car garage, 3 brm, 1 1/2 bath, basement	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Deborah Schoen-Gedert	419-262-0158
South Toledo/Ragan Woods	\$249,900	Sunday 1-4 pm	5958 Swan Creek	New listing, 1st open, 4 brm, 3 full 2 half baths, Springfield Schools, fireplace	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Johnny "O" Owczarzak	419-349-2426
South Toledo	\$129,900	SATURDAY 2 to 4	1254 Ogontz	4 bedroom, 3 full baths, just reduced!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Brenda Haddad	419-870-3155
South Toledo	\$115,500	Sunday 1:00-3:00	3643 Denise Drive		DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Nina Crinks	419-385-3360
South Toledo	\$129,900	Sunday 2 to 4	1254 Ogontz	4 bedroom, 3 full baths, just reduced!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Brenda Haddad	419-870-3155
Swanton	\$118,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00 pm	201 Marshall	Very nice 3 brm, 1.5 bath West Point Estates gem. Newer roof, furnace, HWT, more	Sulphur Springs Realty	Matt Fetterman	419-261-2001
Swanton	\$179,900	Sunday 2:-00-4:00	3555 Waterville Swanton	Over 2,431 sq ft, completely renovated!	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Amber Wymer	419-348-6893
Sylvania	\$99,000	Sun 2:00-4:00	4050 Boynton	3 brm charming home on over an acre of land!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Courtney Helm	419-870-3136
Sylvania	\$439,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	5145 River Ridge Circle	Well appointed & updated 5 brm, 5 bath home, open kitchen/family rm	Sulphur Springs Realty	Judy Scheinbach	419-345-0285
Sylvania	\$239,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	5056 Summer Dr.	Reduced! Many Updates! 2889 sf in mint cond., 4 brms, 2 1/2 baths, 1st flr master	RE/MAX Central Group	Ken Hicks	419-262-3175
Sylvania	\$365,000	Sunday 2-4 pm	5435 Flanders Rd., Toledo 43615	2300 sf, guest house, unique privacy, super main house	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Alan Robertson	419-261-3297
Sylvania	\$87,500	Sun 1:00-3:00	5145 Estess	So many updates, shaded, deep lot, move in	Welles Bowen Realtors	Janet Hines	419-262-3300
Sylvania	\$271,500	Sun 2:30-4:00	9320 Saint Angelas Way	12 Lakes, 4 brm, 3 bath home on the pond	Welles Bowen Realtors	Teresa Felske	419-467-0158
Sylvania	\$284,900	Sun 1:00-3:00	17 Woodforest Pkwy	Stunning Villa, tranquil setting, must see!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Deon Davis	419-810-1560
Sylvania Twp	\$75,000	Sun 2:00-4:00	5809 Woodside Trail #B	2 brm, 1 full bath ranch condo, all appliances stay! Immediate possession!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Nancy Hamilton	419-290-1715
Temperance	\$224,000	Sun 6/24 2pm-5pm	2203 Stirrup Dr.	2 Story, 3 Brm, 2 1/2 Bath, 2,380 sqft, 2 1/2 car attached garage, 4 Season Sunroom	By Owner	Mike Zraik	734-847-2390
Toledo	\$59,000	Sun 2:00-3:00	3721 Anderson	Open & spacious LR, large eat-in kitchen	Welles Bowen Realtors	Jonnie Wagner	419-260-7653
Toledo	\$134,900	Sun 1:30-3:00	3763 Beechway	3 brm, 1.5 bath, all brick beauty w/3.5 car garage, prime location in S. Toledo	Welles Bowen Realtors	Kam Warner	419-345-5170
Toledo	\$109,900	Sunday 1-4 pm	3457 Beechway	3 brm & den, 1920's Charm! 3 car garage, private patio, gorgeous wood thru-out	Welles Bowen Realtors	Shelby Myerholtz	419-877-0464
Toledo	\$149,900	Sunday 12-2 pm	2638 Drummond	Super Clean! Move-in Ready, 4 brm, 1.5 bath, finished bsmt, newer roof, furnace	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Brian Zientek	419-704-3594
Toledo	\$89,000	Sunday, 6/24/12, 2-4 pm	3744 Elmhurst	3 brm, 2 bath, hardwood floors, sunroom, DR, fireplace, bsmt, Elmhurst schools	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Debbie Lin Katich	419-290-0436
Toledo	\$126,900	Sun 11:30-1:00	621 Heidelberg	3 brm, 2 bath ranch w/attached 2 car garage, built in 2004 w/9' ceilings	Welles Bowen Realtors	Kam Warner	419-345-5170
Toledo	\$449,000	Sun 2:00-4:00	3809 River Rd.	Magnificent villa overlooking Toledo Country Club	Welles Bowen Realtors	Susie Thomas	419-367-3974
Washington Local	\$124,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	6171 Meadowvale	Beautiful 3 brm, 1.5 bath, newer furnace, windows, carpeting and paint	RE/MAX Preferred Associates	Gerig/Gorun	419-283-6172
Washington Township	\$144,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	5419 Glastonberry	4 bedroom home	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Phil Barlie	419-944-6073
Waterville	\$193,500	Sun 1:00-3:00	1114 Waterville-Monclova	3 brm, 2 full baths ranch condo, absolutely perfect! Full basement!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Dawn Rhoades	419-877-0473
West Toledo	\$67,500	Sun 2:00-4:00	1921 Berdan	Brick ranch, attached garage, covered patio, updates	Welles Bowen Realtors	Judy Dessum	419-350-7211
West Toledo	\$84,900	Sunday, June 24, 2-4 pm	5911 Donnelly, Toledo 43623	Completely renovated! 3 brm, 1 bath, 1184 sq ft, Washington Local	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Doug Kwiatkowski	419-215-5634
West Toledo	\$109,000	Sunday 2-4 pm	2626 Westbrook	5 true brms, 2 full baths, 1800+sf, master brm w/private full bath, finished bsmt	RE/MAX Masters	Tammy Frye	419-266-0500
West Toledo		Sunday 1-3 pm	1814 Atwood	3 brm, 1 bath, well maintained home, new kitchen/custom cabinetry	Welles Bowen Realtors	Tracy Kime	419-575-3639
West Toledo	\$74,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	3844 Bellevue Rd.	Garrison Colonial, 3 brm, move in ready	Loss Realty Group	Ken Rahm	419-902-4094
West Toledo	\$135,000	Sunday 1 to 4	3033 Meadowwood	3 brm, 2 bath condo	Welles Bowen Realtors	Dee Cottrell	419-360-8001
West Toledo	\$106,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	2521 Portsmouth	PRICE REDUCED! Spacious 4 brm, 2.5 baths, master suite, 1.5 car garage	RE/MAX Preferred Associates		419-720-5600
West Toledo	\$108,000	Sunday 2-4 pm	3915 Woodmont	1st Open! 3 brm, 1.5 bath w/half bath on main level, newer roof, furnace and a/c	RE/MAX Central Group	Brad Crown	419-324-6677
West Toledo	\$194,900	Sunday 1-3 pm	4420 Bromley	5 bedroom, 3 bath, finished basement, 2825 sq ft	Robert F. Lindsay Realty	Eric Parsil	419-367-3948
West Toledo	\$84,900	Sunday 1-3 pm	2607 Thoman	Sharp brick 1 1/2 story! 3 brms, 1 1/2 baths, basement	Robert F. Lindsay Realty	Tom Lindsay	419-376-7057
West Toledo	\$149,900	Sunday 6/24, 2-4 pm	2431 Cheltenham	Gorgeous, updated, granite, hardwood and finished basement	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Al Nissen	419-461-4664
West Toledo	\$75,500	Sun 2:00-4:00	4326 Fir	3 brm, full bsmt brick, sunroom, home warranty	Welles Bowen Realtors	Michelle Rumans	419-467-5882
Whiteford	\$379,900	Sun 2:00-3:30	7980 Head O Lake Rd	3 brm, 3 bath custom home on 10 acres	Welles Bowen Gio Realty, Inc.	Ray Williamson	734-735-3111

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