



OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

Interior designer, property guru and City Dweller Magazine columnist Christine Yorath thinks that 2017 is the perfect time to get organised!



The beginning of a New Year is different for different people but for many it does represent new beginnings and good intentions.

Having a 'clear out' is cathartic and often procrastinated (I am

guilty!). It may be paperwork, clothes or things around the home.

It's a good idea to take a whole day out to concentrate on the clear out and clean up. Early January is as good a time as any.

Start with sorting out papers, you may find you have kept piles of old bills you really don't need after you have paid them. Unless you have plenty of organisational space for filing boxes it may be better to use the shredder. I often find a small pile of 'I will have a look at that later' items which when I do go through them they find their way very easily in to the bin!

Then it's clothes to sort

out. Some people use the principle of if they haven't worn it in the last 12 months it has to go... that's so hard for the hoarders in us so it might just be a case of putting out of season clothes in a spare room wardrobe or even a suitcase. It is also an opportunity to have repairs done or dry cleaning if necessary.

Next to have a clear out of should be household items. Do you keep things which are broken? Why? Do you have lots of things you never use or which you don't like? There are a number of charities who will collect and redistribute items of furniture in good condition.

Once you have a lovely tidy home it is also easier

to clean it then you may start to think about some new décor with good storage for the things you do decide to keep.

When I owned 'Flats in Leeds' lettings company I saw many apartments and was regularly amazed at just how much "stuff" some people amassed during a tenancy and how much they left behind when they moved out, so they were clearly not essential items. I went in apartments where there wasn't even a 6" square of clear worktop space in the kitchen and where the beds had so many items of clothing piled on them, I wondered how they even slept in the beds. If this sounds like your home it may well be time for a major Spring Clean and a session of out with the old!

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*Till next time,
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