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## Spring Cleaning

It's that time of year again, when everyone seems to have spring cleaning on their mind and your apartment starts to feel cluttered. Before you start scrambling to catch up with the cleaning buzz, try these tips and tricks to achieve all your cleaning and organization goals this season.

### Declutter Your Bookshelf

A stocked bookshelf makes for nice room décor, but an overflowing shelf of books that you'll never read is a dusty eyesore. The [What's Hot? Blog](#) suggests asking questions like "does it hold sentimental value, will I read it again or why have I not read it," when deciding which books to keep on your shelf.

### Organize Your Mugs

Nothing is worse than reaching for your favorite coffee mug in the morning, only to be met with a cabinet in disarray. *Uncluttered Simplicity* recommends following [these five organization steps](#) for your mug collection. The first step is deciding on your method, whether that be [hooks](#), [extra shelves](#), or stacking.

### Donate the Toss Pile

With so many organizations accepting clothing donations or repurposing items, it's a no brainer to donate your toss pile. Consider organizations like [Dress For Success](#), accepting professional attire donations for women, or [The Bowery Mission](#) which collects all clothing including winter necessities.

### Cleaning Your Shower Head

Certain chores, like cleaning your shower head, are tempting to put off, even if they're quick and easy to complete. To clean your shower head, [you'll only need six supplies](#), all of which are probably under your sink. You will thank yourself later when your shower looks brand new!



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### Marie Kondo's Tips

In the past two years, organization guru Marie Kondo has become a household name. From her two [critically-acclaimed Netflix specials](#) to her [New York Times bestselling book](#) that started it all, Kondo offers tips on home organization and bringing joy back into your space. This article from One Kings Lane offers eight key takeaways from the trademarked “KonMari Method.”

### Organizing the Junk Drawer

Wouldn't it be nice to have a drawer in your house stocked with your go-to essentials? Follow this [step-by-step guide](#) on how to organize your junk drawer, maximize storage space and add convenience to your routine. The first step is easy—just dump the entire drawer out and you're on your way to organizing.

### Cleaning Sneakers

After following [Nike's directions on how to clean sneakers](#), all of your friends will be asking where you bought your new sneakers, unaware that they're actually from the back of your closet. For starters, wash your sneakers by hand versus tossing them in the washing machine to avoid damage from unnecessary moisture.

### Benefits of Rearranging Your Room

Now that your closet and bookshelf have been cleared out, it's the perfect time to rearrange your furniture and breathe new life into your space. This article from [Apartment Therapy](#) highlights the four mental benefits of rearranging your room including a sense of security, creative inspiration, physical grounding and living with change.