10 tips to staying more organized

## **STASH IT.** STORE IT

- 1. Use the 30 second rule... If you can put it away or recycle it within 30 seconds, then go ahead and do it.
- 2. Store like things together.
- 3. Consider not making or keeping paper copies if you can store the files electronically or retrieve the information from the web.
- 4. Don't buy or use containers or files until you know what you need them for and where you'll put them. Don't risk duplicating efforts. Label everything!
- 5. Don't keep items that are not worth repairing. This also goes for mysterious, unrecognizable, or other unworthy items.

## FIND IT, USE IT

- 6. Have a small discard box so that when you find things that are no longer useful, you can put them in the box to discard. Recycle daily.
- 7. Have a calendar and use it to maintain appointments. It can help you get ready!
- 8. Spend about 15 minutes during the day putting things away and picking up. This way, you can find them the next time you need them. Handle items once.
- 9. Have a simple system to file papers.
- 10. If you can't find something that you want or need... you might consider becoming more organized.

