

6 Roadblocks When Hiring a Professional Organizer

- 6) **Letting the “fear of change” keep you from taking steps to overcome your disorganization by hiring an organizer.** Instead, think of getting organized as a lifestyle change – one that will make your life less cluttered and less stressful.
- 5) **Believing that the shows you have seen about organizing are the *ONLY WAY* to get organized.** You think you could use some help, and want to hire an organizer, but you panic thinking that all an organizer will do is make you get rid of your “stuff”.
- 4) **Putting off hiring an organizer because you do not believe that they will know what you want to keep and why.** A good organizer will help you get rid of things that **YOU** no longer use, want or need, and will know what you should **KEEP!**
- 3) **Believing that your organizer will get you organized “once and for all.”** Keeping ahead of the clutter is an on-going process. It will take work to set up a system that works for you and that you will be able to maintain.
- 2) **Not setting realistic expectations.** First, you must define what organization means to you. Once you have determined your goals, you can develop a plan with your organizer on how to achieve them. If you have been struggling with disorganization for years, it is going to take time to get things straightened out.
- 1) **Letting the bottom line keep you from hiring an organizer.** Rather than focusing on what it will cost to hire an organizer, consider what being disorganized is costing you **NOW.**

6 Benefits of Hiring an Organizer

- 6) **An organizer will help you to overcome your fear, and de-clutter your life.** This lifestyle change will give you more time to spend with your children. It will save you money by not having to replace things that you need and cannot find. It may end the isolation you feel because you are too embarrassed to have people in your home.
- 5) **An organizer will spend time getting to know you and learning what is important to you.** Organizers do not make all the decisions for you. They guide you through the process of organizing your life.
- 4) **An organizer will help you get rid of the things you no longer use, want, or need.** Many items can be donated to charitable organizations. Knowing that you are helping others, while you become more organized, is a good feeling.
- 3) **An organizer will help you develop a system that works for you and one that you will be able to maintain.** By working together, on a regular basis, you will learn how to stay ahead of the clutter.
- 2) **An organizer will help you establish realistic expectations and goals.** Developing a plan with your organizer will help you to stay focused and achieve your goal.
- 1) **An organizer will help you establish a budget that will make getting organized cost-effective.** The benefits of an organized life should be measured in time gained, money saved, and recaptured self-esteem. It is a gift to yourself that will keep on giving and well worth the investment.

6 Things to Think About Before Selecting an Organizer

Will the organizer:

- offer a free initial consultation?
- listen to your wants and needs?
- understand your concerns, fears, and goals?
- explain how the process works?
- help you with issues such as hoarding, relocating/downsizing, or bereavement?
- encourage you to contact current and past clients for references?

6 Questions to Ask Before You Hire an Organizer

Do you:

- have a fee structure and will you explain all charges?
- charge for mileage and the supplies used in the session?
- have an extra charge for working on the weekends?
- have a cancellation policy?
- try to find a way to donate discarded items and follow the principles and practices of a green company?
- organize other things besides homes and offices?