

May 2026 Organizing Checklist

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May is a beautiful in-between month. The heaviness of winter is behind us, summer hasn't quite taken over, and it's the perfect time to reset routines, lighten your space, and take care of the little things that make daily life easier. This month's checklist focuses on quick, doable tasks that help you stay on top of your home, your schedule, and your peace of mind. without feeling overwhelmed. One task a day adds up quickly.

___ May 1 **Fresh Start Surface:** Choose one surface you see every day, like a kitchen counter, dresser, or desk, and clear it completely. Wipe it down and return only what truly belongs there.

___ May 2 **Car Door Pocket Clean-Out:** Open one car door and clean out the storage pocket. Toss trash, organize items, and leave it neat and functional.

___ May 3 **Quick Plant Check:** Look at your houseplants or outdoor planters. Remove dead leaves, [add a little water if needed](#), and rotate them for even sunlight.

___ May 4 **Four-Minute Paper Grab:** Gather a small stack of loose papers from anywhere in the house. Sort quickly into recycle, file, or action.

___ May 5 **Cinco de Mayo and National Teacher Appreciation:**

Give your kitchen a quick wipe-down, then plan or prepare something simple with a Mexican flair, such as tacos, a fresh salsa, or even just adding lime and spice to your meal.

Also take a moment to send a quick thank-you message, note, or email to a teacher who has made a difference...past or present.

- ___ May 6 **Light Switch Wipe:** Grab a cloth and quickly wipe down light switches and door handles in one room. It's a small detail that makes a big difference.
- ___ May 7 **Bag Hook or Drop Zone Reset:** Tidy the spot where purses, backpacks, or keys land. Return items to their proper place and clear the clutter.
- ___ May 8 **Fridge Drawer Peek:** Open one refrigerator drawer, toss anything past its prime, and wipe it out quickly before closing it back up.
- ___ May 9 **Outdoor Chair Refresh:** Wipe down one outdoor chair or seating area so it's ready for relaxing.
- ___ May 10 **Mother's Day Thoughtful Moment:** Take a few minutes to acknowledge a mother, a mother-figure, or yourself if you are one. Set out a small treat, write a heartfelt note, or do something kind that brings comfort and appreciation into the day.
- ___ May 11 **Charging Cable Tidy:** Untangle and [organize a few charging cords](#). Wrap them neatly. Place them in one designated spot.
- ___ May 12 **Drawer Divider Fix:** Choose one drawer and adjust or straighten what's inside. [Get a drawer divider if needed](#). Even a quick rearrange can make it easier to use.
- ___ May 13 **Pantry Pair-Up:** Group similar items together in one small section of your pantry so you can see what you have at a glance.

- ___ May 14 **Trash Can Quick Clean:** Wipe down the outside (and lid, if needed) of one trash can in your home. If it's warm enough outside, use your hose and some dish soap to give it a thorough cleaning.
- ___ May 15 **Mid-Month Calendar Check:** Take a look at the rest of the month. Confirm appointments, add anything missing, and mentally prepare for what's ahead.
- ___ May 16 **Armed Forces Day:** Take a moment to recognize and appreciate those currently serving in the military. A simple message, moment of gratitude, or flag display goes a long way.
- Also take a few minutes to straighten one small area in your home as a quiet reset for the day.
- ___ May 17 **Doorway Sweep:** Sweep the area just inside and/or outside one main door to keep dirt from spreading through your home.
- ___ May 18 **Bathroom Counter Reset:** Clear everything off your bathroom counter, wipe it down, and return only daily-use items.
- ___ May 19 **One Basket Declutter:** Choose one basket, bin, or container and remove anything that doesn't belong. Bring that item to its assigned home, donate if you're no longer using whatever it is, or dump/recycle as appropriate.
- ___ May 20 **Water Glass Refresh:** Gather and wash any lingering glasses or mugs around the house.
- ___ May 21 **Linen Closet Peek:** Straighten one small section of your linen closet. Fold one or two items neatly and stack them nicely.

- ___ May 22 **Evening Routine Reset:** Before bed tonight, take a few minutes to reset your main living area so you wake up to a calm space.
- ___ May 23 **Freezer Check:** Open the freezer and toss anything clearly outdated. Shift items as needed so they're easy to see.
- ___ May 24 **Phone App Check:** Delete one or two apps you no longer use. Organize a few that you do use into folders.
- ___ May 25 **Memorial Day:** Take a moment to honor and remember those who served and gave their lives.
- Also spend a few minutes tidying an outdoor area or preparing a simple, welcoming space if you're gathering today.
- ___ May 26 **Mail Catch-Up:** Gather recent mail and clear it out. Recycle, file, or take action so nothing lingers.
- ___ May 27 **Laundry Reset:** Put away one small load of clean laundry that may have been sitting a little too long.
- ___ May 28 **Kitchen Sink Shine:** Give your sink a quick scrub with baking soda, rinse, and enjoy the fresh look.
- ___ May 29 **Night Routine Prep:** Set out what you'll need for tomorrow, clothes, bag, or a simple TO DO list, so your morning starts smoother.
- ___ May 30 **One Item Let-Go:** Find one item you no longer use or need and place it in a donation bag.
- ___ May 31 **End-of-Month Walk-Through:** Take a slow walk through your home, returning items to their proper places. Notice how far you've come this month and enjoy the calm you've created.

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