

November 2025 Organizing Checklist

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November is the bridge between fall and the festive holiday season. It's a wonderful time to simplify, refresh, and prepare your home for warmth, comfort, and gratitude. Whether you're tidying before Thanksgiving guests arrive or winding down the year with a little order, this checklist offers quick wins that make a big difference.

- ___ Nov 1 **Declutter the coat closet:** Empty the space completely and evaluate what's there. Donate jackets that no longer fit, toss broken hangers, and wipe down the floor and baseboards before neatly returning only the coats and boots you truly use.

- ___ Nov 2 **Polish dining table:** Prepare your dining area for cozy meals and gatherings. Wipe down the table, polish wood surfaces, and dust the chairs. Add a simple fall centerpiece like a candle, mini pumpkins, or a vase of autumn leaves.

- ___ Nov 3 **Clean out one dresser drawer:** Refold clothing to maximize space, and remove anything stretched out or stained. Donate items you haven't worn this year, and enjoy how much easier it is to find what you need.

- ___ Nov 4 **Organize spices:** [Sort through your spice rack or drawer](#). Group similar items together (baking spices, savory blends, and everyday seasonings) and check expiration dates so you're ready for holiday cooking.

- ___ Nov 5 **Election Day: Clear paperwork clutter:** As you return from voting, take a few minutes to go through paperwork. Recycle old mail, shred sensitive documents, and file anything that needs to be saved. It's a great way to feel organized and productive.
- ___ Nov 6 **Dust picture frames:** Family photos and artwork can collect a surprising layer of dust. Wipe each frame gently with a microfiber cloth to brighten your walls and shelves before guests arrive.
- ___ Nov 7 **Tidy under the kitchen sink:** Pull everything out, wipe the cabinet floor, and group cleaning products by category. Discard empty bottles and make sure frequently used items are easy to reach. Consider an [under-the-sink organizer](#) to keep items sorted and tidy.
- ___ Nov 8 **Clean your microwave:** Loosen grime by heating a bowl of water with lemon slices for a minute, then wipe down the inside and outside surfaces. A sparkling microwave instantly makes the kitchen feel fresher.
- ___ Nov 9 **Organize craft or wrapping supplies:** Gather ribbons, scissors, tape, and paper in one basket or bin. Check that tape dispensers work and toss scraps that can't be reused. You'll be ready when it's time to wrap gifts.
- ___ Nov 10 **Polish boots and shoes:** Before winter weather hits, wipe away dirt, salt, and scuffs. Condition leather, check soles, and make sure laces are in good shape. Store shoes neatly. Now is the time to have a [shoe mat](#) on hand as well to catch snow and wet drips.
- ___ Nov 11 **Veterans Day: Organize keepsakes:** Take a few minutes to honor service members by caring for family memorabilia. Frame medals, label

photos, or safely store letters and military documents in acid-free sleeves.

___ Nov 12 **Wipe down door frames:** Use a damp cloth or cleaning wipe to remove fingerprints and dust. This small touch brightens your space and gives the whole room a cleaner look.

___ Nov 13 **Clean your oven:** Before holiday baking begins, wipe out crumbs and grease. Use a baking soda paste for a natural clean or run the self-clean cycle (open your windows wide!) so your oven is spotless when guests arrive.

___ Nov 14 **Sort kitchen towels:** Fold and stack neatly by purpose, like everyday, guest, or cleaning. Repurpose worn towels as rags, and keep a few fresh ones within easy reach for the busy cooking season.

___ Nov 15 **Vacuum behind furniture:** Move one large piece, like the sofa or buffet, and vacuum dust bunnies and crumbs. It's a hidden area that's often ignored but instantly makes your home feel cleaner. Get help if needed so you don't get hurt!

___ Nov 16 **Tidy tech surfaces:** Wipe phones, tablets, keyboards, and remotes with disinfecting wipes. You'll remove germs, fingerprints, and crumbs that quietly collect throughout the week.

___ Nov 17 **Declutter your purse or tote bag:** Dump everything out and start fresh. Toss old receipts and wrappers, organize cards into your wallet, and restock lip balm, tissues, or hand sanitizer.

___ Nov 18 **Polish faucets:** Wipe bathroom and kitchen faucets with a damp cloth and a little vinegar for a streak-free shine. Clean fixtures instantly lift the look of your space.

- ___ Nov 19 **Refresh throw pillows:** Remove covers if washable, fluff the inserts, and switch out summery fabrics for cozy textures like knits or velvet. Arrange them to make your sofa or bed feel welcoming.
- ___ Nov 20 **Organize pantry shelves:** Check expiration dates, group similar foods together, and create a section for holiday staples like flour, sugar, and spices. Wipe shelves before returning items neatly.
- ___ Nov 21 **Wipe baseboards in one hallway:** Use a vacuum brush or damp cloth to remove dust. It's a small job that makes your home feel noticeably cleaner.
- ___ Nov 22 **Clean refrigerator drawers:** Pull out the crisper drawers, rinse and dry them, and check for hidden spills. Add a paper towel liner to keep them clean longer.
- ___ Nov 23 **Dust light fixtures:** Wipe lampshades, pendant lights, and bulbs with a microfiber cloth. Brighter lighting enhances every space, especially as daylight shortens.
- ___ Nov 24 **Plan your Thanksgiving table:** [Lay out your table linens](#), serving pieces, and dinnerware to ensure everything is clean and ready. This small step saves stress on the big day.
- ___ Nov 25 **Clean kitchen sink drain:** Pour ½ cup of baking soda followed by vinegar, then flush with hot water. Finish by wiping the faucet and sink basin for a sparkling finish.
- ___ Nov 26 **Tidy entryway:** Hang coats, line up shoes, and add a fresh doormat or small basket for keys and mail. A neat entryway instantly feels welcoming to guests.

- ___ Nov 27 **Thanksgiving Day:** Have a glorious celebration! **After celebrating:** rinse and load the dishwasher, wash special serving pieces, and take a moment to write down what you're thankful for this year.
- ___ Nov 28 **Black Friday: Declutter a closet shelf:** Skip the shopping rush and focus on clearing out one shelf. Donate clothing or accessories you no longer wear to make room for what truly matters.
- ___ Nov 29 **Organize holiday cards:** Gather your address book, cards, pens, and stamps into a festive box or basket. You'll be ready to start writing them during a cozy evening in.
- ___ Nov 30 **Wipe window glass:** Clean smudges and fingerprints from windows inside and out. Letting in more natural light makes your home feel open and peaceful as winter begins.

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