

# 10 Things To Do In September



Purge, de-clutter and make your home serene and inviting for fall.

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The lazy days of summer are ending, and no matter how many years it's been since you last filled a backpack with textbooks, back-to-school is in the air, and with it a feeling that it's time to reorganize for fall. Get started with these 10 ideas for purging, de-cluttering and making your home serene and inviting.

## **Cut the clutter**

Getting organized is a significantly easier task when there's less stuff to deal with. So before tackling bigger projects, sweep through your house and clear out any clutter that's accumulated while you've been outdoors enjoying the hot and sunny weather.

## **Start your fall garden cleanup**

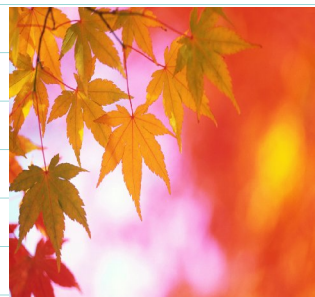
After a long summer enjoying your garden, it's time to start preparing it for the winter chill, set aside a few hours on a sunny afternoon and get started!

## **Organize the broom closet**

Your household chores will go a lot faster once your cleaning supplies are under control.

## **Get a head start on holiday correspondence**

It may only be September, but it won't be long before it's time to decorate and prepare for the holiday season. One thing you can get out of the way right now is



## **organizing your stationary and writing supplies.**

Make sure your address book is up to date and plan ahead for buying stamps, cards and invitations.

## **Prep the front hall closet for winter coats**

With the fall fashion season comes a closet full of coats, whether they're new purchases or taken out of storage and dry-cleaned. Don't be caught scrambling for a coat on the first chilly morning of autumn.

## **Catalogue the summer's photos**

Whether your camera is digital or old-fashioned, if you want to enjoy your summer photos come fall and winter, they need to be organized.

## **Focus on clean air**

As the weather gets cooler and you keep windows open less often, your home will be getting less and less fresh air from outside. Help keep indoor air quality high by clearing chemicals (try switching to [biodegradable cleaning products](#)) and investing in a few new houseplants for cleaning indoor air of pollutants.

## **Pet peeves be gone!**

Pick one thing (or more!)

the mail always ending up on the kitchen table or the shoes that pile up in the [entryway--and fix](#) it. Then sit on the couch with a glass of wine and enjoy the feeling of accomplishment.

## **Get started on fall entertaining**

As patio party season ends, the time for more formal indoor entertaining begins. Pick up a few new [cookbooks](#) and start testing recipes, and then work on invitations for your next [dinner party](#).

## **Plan your next project**

From a major [kitchen redo](#) to a paint touch-up in the bedroom, any home project will go smoother if it's well planned. Even if you're still in the dreaming stage, that's no reason not to plan! Pick up some books and magazines for inspiration and spend a morning with them and a cup or two of coffee—and a notebook to jot down ideas!

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