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How to Organize the Main Bathroom

How to clear the main bathroom of expired products and set up families that stay put.

WHERE TO START

Clear the counters first, then empty the drawers and the cabinet under the sink.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ☐ Trash bag
- ☐ A bin for things that belong elsewhere
- ☐ Cleaning cloth and spray
- ☐ Baskets, bins and drawer dividers

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Put the time on your calendar like any other appointment. One room per session is plenty.

The method

1. **Set up four boxes**
   Label them Toss, Donate, Keep and Relocate. Every item goes into one of them, so nothing ends up in a new pile.
2. **Empty it completely**
   Take everything out and set it on a cleared table or counter. You can't organize around things you haven't seen.
3. **Clean before anything goes back**
   Wipe the shelves, drawers and surfaces and sweep the floor while the space is empty.
4. **Group like with like**
   Sort what you're keeping into families. Seeing all of one kind together shows you how much you really have.
5. **Give every family a home**
   What you use most goes closest to hand. Add containers and labels only once you know what stays.
6. **Close the session**
   Take out the trash, put the donations in your car and return every Relocate item to its room before you stop.

In this room

Check every date

Discard anything expired or that you no longer use.

Be honest

Broken nozzles, one drop left, old makeup: let them go.

Make families

Makeup, skin care, hair care, appliances, first aid, each in its own container.

KEEP IT THAT WAY

Pick one day a week to review the space and keep it clean and organized.

ONE THING TO REMEMBER

You'll be surprised how little you need once the old products are gone.

YOUR CHECKLIST IS ON THE NEXT PAGE

More tips and photos in the full post: read it here

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The Main Bathroom Checklist

STARTED _____ DONE _____

- [ ] Set up a trash bag and a bin to catch anything that doesn't belong here, and clear your counters.
- [ ] Empty all your drawers, clear the shelves and take everything out from under the sink.
- [ ] Wipe all the surfaces: shelves, drawers and cabinets.
- [ ] Discard everything you don't use or that has expired. Let go of anything with a broken nozzle, one drop left in it, products you don't use and old makeup.
- [ ] Group like items together into families: makeup, skin care, hair care, appliances, first aid and so on. Use baskets, bins and drawer dividers where you can.
- [ ] Wipe the counters and the mirror, clear the floor and the trash can, and enjoy your clean, sparkling bathroom.
- [ ] Choose a day of the week to review the space and keep it clean and organized.

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