

Expert Advice

It is that time of year again! Kids are getting ready to head back to school, much to their dismay and our delight! Its time to start making school lunches and we just wanted to share a few Pantry organizing tips to make

Five Pantry Organization Tips

As is the case with any closet, a pantry can easily get out of control. After you buy new items each week, stuff you haven't used gets pushed to the back and often is either forgotten or left to go bad, which leaves you with one bad situation. If you aren't lucky enough to have a customer pantry with built in pantry organizers, you'll need to get creative. Aggressively organize your pantry such that you can find things easily and you'll find it easy to put groceries away each week and find the times you need when you need them.

- 1). **Invest in a Pantry Spice Rack:** These handy racks will keep your spices out of sight without and need for stacking or hiding other items. Plus spices last longest if they are kept in a cool, dark place.
- 2). **Invest in containers to keep things fresh:** Get a set of lidded plastic containers and keep them in the pantry for items that will lose freshness easily
- 3) **Organize like the grocery stores do:** Put the times you don't use often in the harder to reach places - the top and bottom shelves. Make sure you place items you use the most on the shelves where you can reach them and if you have young children, place items you want out of reach up high and items you want them to access on their own lower.
- 4). **Devote one shelf to perishables:** If you've ever dug through your pantry because you smelled something horrible and found a potato rotting in the back corner, you know how important it is to keep perishables in view. Invest in containers to keep them fresh and stackable.
- 5) **Once a month, take time to resort and purge:** It's easy to lose something in the pantry if you don't take time to reorganize on a regular basis. A simple 30 minutes a month will keep your pantry in order. This will save you money, as you won't end up throwing away unused items that have gone bad, and time previously spent looking for items when you need them. Best of all, you won't feel bad opening your pantry when someone stops by!

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