

GEAR

SPRING CLEANING

With the dawn of spring often comes the urge to clean — or at least add order to chaos. Make the process as painless as possible by enlisting the help of professionals and picking up a few sleek and space-saving items.



XL Cable Organizer \$14.99

Minimizing the sight of unsightly computer or stereo cords does wonders for streamlining a room, so grab one of these spiffy spindles and start straightening out the tangles.

containerstore.com

Barnslig Mini Chest with Four Drawers \$3.99

Not just for kids, this sassy little storage aide will brighten a room while keeping possessions tidy and out of the way.

ikea.com



Rubbermaid Sports Station Storage \$19.99

This clever, multi-purpose rack organizes sports equipment, keeping the garage or basement nice and neat.

target.com

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It's okay to ask for help when it comes to getting organized;

businesses like LivingOrder (livingorder.com), based in Austin, have made it their sole purpose to guide overwhelmed packrats to a world characterized by structure and serenity. Operating with the belief that stress levels decrease and life in general becomes more manageable when everything has a place, this service offers an array of ideas and advice for conquering clutter once and for all. Start by going on a "Clutter Diet," which approaches the problem of too much stuff in a step-by-step way. Similar to undertaking a weight-loss program, attention is given to lifestyle choices and time management — not just crammed closets and junk drawers. With a supportive online network, an email reminder system and multimedia tutorials, this regimen of reduction should give hope to the truly organizationally-challenged. LivingOrder also boasts trademark garment organizers that specifically target the realm of clothes hangers and wardrobe abundance. By using labels, a maintenance calendar and a discerning eye for what should and should not be there, it might even become possible to keep a handle on

the region of the house most likely to cause shame and frustration. Whether hiring an expert or simply making the decision to undertake some self-motivated changes, exorcising the demons of mess, jumble and disarray will surely make the dawn of spring something to look forward to.

LivingOrder's garment organizers

