



October 2016 - Finding extra cash around the home

Christmas will be around the corner so it might make sense to look around the home and see what you can sell and make some extra cash in November and December.

Look in your cabinets and storage areas to see what items you are no longer using and do a little research and see if they are worth anything online. Sites like eBay, Craigslist, and Amazon are great websites to try. People get confused on eBay with the different headings listing what the items are listed at and what the items have sold for. You should look under both headings to get the best idea for what the item is worth and what people are willing to pay. What good is listing items at \$49.99 when the last item sold for \$5.99? You've wasted your time, and time is money.

Put the items in an area (maybe a shelving unit or cupboard) so that everything is together and then you won't forget where the items are. Then schedule the time in your calendar to do this project.

You may want to take some time when you aren't under pressure and create an account with eBay and get a feel for the website and how it works, if that is the website that you are choosing to sell the items. Your first item to list may take you one hour to list, but once you get the hang of it, it will only take minutes.

You can also look at items that might now be considered collectible – perhaps old board games, gifts that you have received in the past that you have never opened, old electronics, such as cell phones laying around the house, or series of DVDs or books.

Don't stop at the house, look in your garage. Are there tools around that you have never used?

What about your closets - clothes, jewelry, shoes and purses. If e-Bay is a little overwhelming, then call and visit some of your local consignment stores.

Also don't forget in October many of the cities and townships where you live have special recycling or drop off items for those hard things to get rid of like paint, car batteries, etc... Visit their websites for more information.

Happy Organizing!

Your local professional organizer,
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