



DIY: Apps and Guides for Household Management

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Erin lives in North Carolina on a country property along with her husband and three dogs. In addition to her love of outdoor activities, she enjoys doing projects around the house and sharing with family and friends all the latest applications that are available for their phones.

Learning Objectives

- Identify key aspects of maintaining a residence
- Discuss tips for hiring a contractor
- List important documents to have on hand
- Discuss a wide variety of links and apps for successful household management

Key Topic Areas

- Household maintenance, repairs, and upkeep
- Finances
- Important documents
- Emergency plans and prep
- Shopping, groceries, and meal planning
- Moving
- Selling your items
- House hacks!



Household Maintenance

- Keep a routine maintenance schedule
 - Heater/air conditioner maintenance
 - Change air filters regularly
 - Take care of repairs as soon as possible
- Have a smoke alarm, fire extinguisher, and carbon monoxide alarm on each level
- Do a termite inspection



Tips for Hiring a Contractor

- Where to look for recommendations:
 - HomeAdvisor
 - Nextdoor
 - Angie's List
 - Houzz
 - Thumbtack
 - TaskRabbit
- Shop around – Get multiple quotes
- Online reviews (Google, Yelp, Better Business Bureau)
- Get it in writing



Additional Links and Tips for Hiring Contractors

- www.travelers.com/tools-resources/home/renovation/checklist-for-hiring-the-right-contractor
- www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0242-hiring-contractor
- www.thisoldhouse.com/ideas/top-8-pro-tips-how-to-hire-contractor
- www.angieslist.com/articles/11-tips-hiring-home-improvement-contractor.htm



Links and Tips for Hiring a Housecleaning Service

- www.angieslist.com/articles/angies-list-tips-hiring-house-cleaning-services.htm
- www.bhg.com/homekeeping/house-cleaning/tips/tips-for-hiring-cleaning-help
- cleanmyspace.com/how-to-hire-a-home-cleaning-service



Financial Apps and Resources

- InspiredBudget.com
- GasBuddy
- Claritymoney.com
- Acorns.com
- EveryDollar



More Financial Resources

- Links to calculators, budgeting spreadsheets, etc.
www.mymoney.gov/tools/Pages/tools.aspx
- Top 10 Best (and Free) Online Budgeting Tools
www.goodfinancialcents.com/best-free-online-budgeting-tools



Important Documents

What Documents to Keep?



- Birth certificate
- Copy of driver's license
- Passport
- Copy of Social Security card
- Car title
- House deed
- Will, living will, power of attorney
- Account information and online passwords

Important Documents

Where to keep them?



- Lockbox (fireproof) in house
- Let a family or friend know where your documents are, or consider giving a copy to a trusted loved one

Checklist of Records to Keep

- www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1501683551530-cef254f971fed5df499b719d25325d07/Protect_Critical_Docs_and_Valuables_508.pdf

Emergency and Disaster Prep Resources

- Build a Kit
www.ready.gov/build-a-kit
- Make a Plan
www.ready.gov/make-a-plan
- American Red Cross Tools and Resources
www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library



Meal Planning Websites

- www.choosemyplate.gov
- www.thekitchn.com/the-beginners-guide-to-meal-planning-what-to-know-how-to-succeed-and-what-to-skip-242413
- <http://blog.myfitnesspal.com/essential-guide-meal-planning>
- www.verywellfit.com/an-example-of-a-healthy-balanced-meal-plan-2506647
- greatist.com/eat/meal-prep-dinner-to-last-all-week
- www.budgetbytes.com/category/extra-bytes/budget-friendly-meal-prep



Grocery Shopping Tips and Apps

Tips

- Make a list
- Don't grocery shop when you're hungry
- Shop the "perimeter" for healthier items

Apps

- Flipp
- Ibotta
- <https://savingstar.com>



Moving Tips and Resources

- 33 helpful moving tips:
https://www.buzzfeed.com/peggy/brilliant-moving-tips?utm_term=.sp15YXKBy#.inawK5XDY
- Top 50 moving hacks:
<http://www.updater.com/moving-tips/top-50-moving-hacks-of-all-time>
- Free moving boxes:
thekrazycouponlady.com/tips/money/free-moving-boxes



Ways to Sell Your Items

69 Sites to Use for Selling Your Stuff Online
realwaystoearnmoneyonline.com/sell-your-stuff-online



DIY House Hacks!

50 Nifty Tricks for Big DIY Savings
www.thisoldhouse.com/ideas/50-nifty-tricks-big-diy-savings



For More Information

Contact Your Employee Assistance Program

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Thank You

Questions?

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