

# DIY: Apps and Guides for Household Management

# Presenter

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Erin Pettibone spent 10 years in hospitality management prior to her current role as a work-life consultant. For the past 3 years, Erin has assisted individuals around the United States by researching and locating a variety of resources to help them in their daily lives.

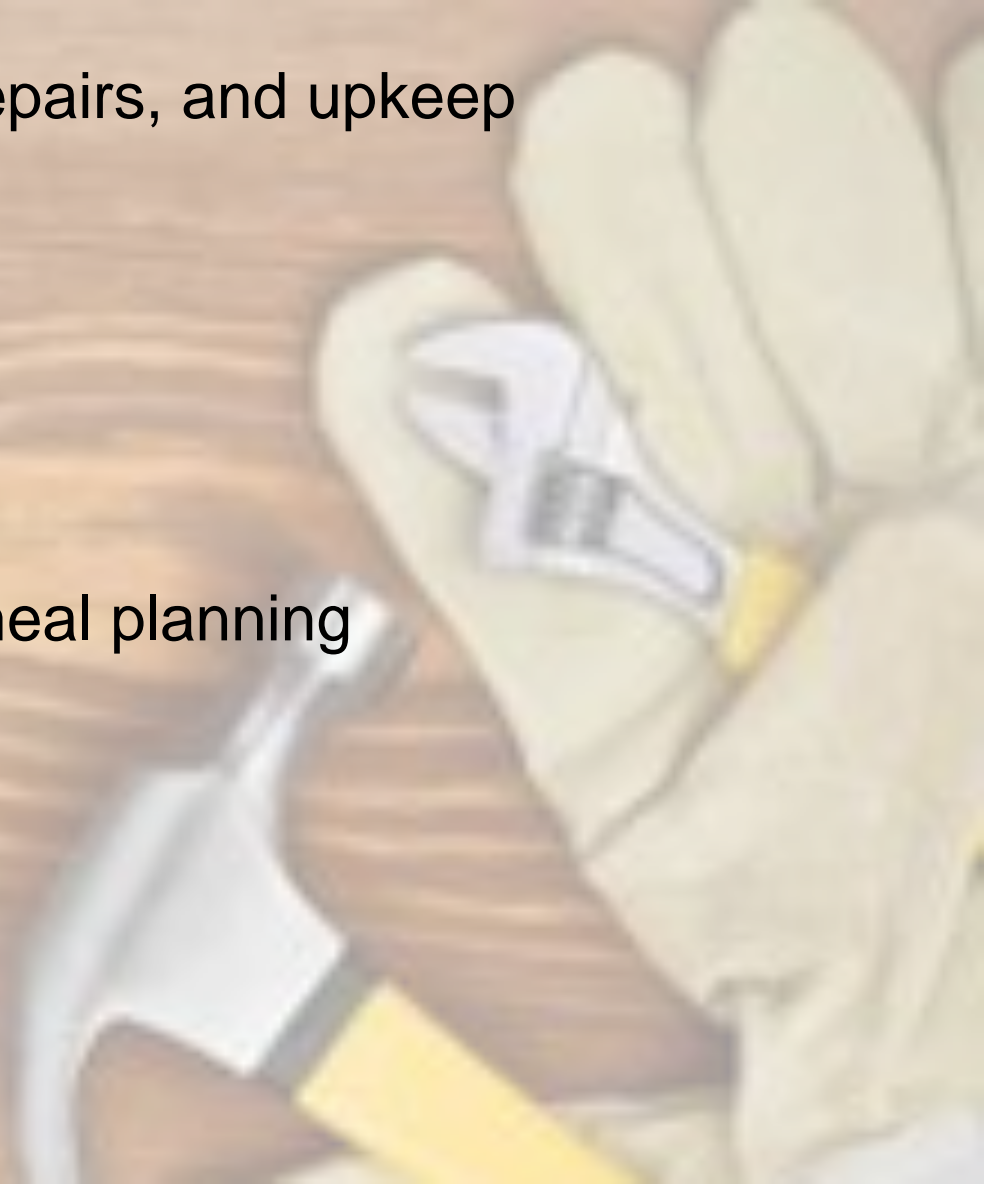
Erin lives in North Carolina on a country property along with her husband and three dogs. In addition to her love of outdoor activities, she enjoys doing projects around the house and sharing with family and friends all the latest applications that are available for their phones.

# 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](http://www.travelers.com/tools-resources/home/renovation/checklist-for-hiring-the-right-contractor)
- [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0242-hiring-contractor](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0242-hiring-contractor)
- [www.thisoldhouse.com/ideas/top-8-pro-tips-how-to-hire-contractor](http://www.thisoldhouse.com/ideas/top-8-pro-tips-how-to-hire-contractor)
- [www.angieslist.com/articles/11-tips-hiring-home-improvement-contractor.htm](http://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](http://www.angieslist.com/articles/angies-list-tips-hiring-house-cleaning-services.htm)
- [www.bhg.com/homekeeping/house-cleaning/tips/tips-for-hiring-cleaning-help](http://www.bhg.com/homekeeping/house-cleaning/tips/tips-for-hiring-cleaning-help)
- [cleanmyspace.com/how-to-hire-a-home-cleaning-service](http://cleanmyspace.com/how-to-hire-a-home-cleaning-service)





# Financial Apps and Resources

- [InspiredBudget.com](http://InspiredBudget.com)
- [GasBuddy](http://GasBuddy)
- [Claritymoney.com](http://Claritymoney.com)
- [Acorns.com](http://Acorns.com)
- [EveryDollar](http://EveryDollar)



# More Financial Resources

- Links to calculators, budgeting spreadsheets, etc.  
[www.mymoney.gov/tools/Pages/tools.aspx](http://www.mymoney.gov/tools/Pages/tools.aspx)
- Top 10 Best (and Free) Online Budgeting Tools  
[www.goodfinancialcents.com/best-free-online-budgeting-tools](http://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](http://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](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit)
- Make a Plan  
[www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan)
- American Red Cross Tools and Resources  
[www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library)



# Meal Planning Websites

- [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov)
- [www.thekitchn.com/the-beginners-guide-to-meal-planning-what-to-know-how-to-succeed-and-what-to-skip-242413](http://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>
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# 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](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](http://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](http://realwaystoearnmoneyonline.com/sell-your-stuff-online)





For More Information

Contact Your Employee Assistance Program

Thank You

Questions?



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