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# How Your Clutter Is Costing You Money

## 2. You Buy Duplicates of Items



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If you can't keep track of the items you own due to clutter, there's a good chance you'll repurchase products you already have in stock.

"After the unnecessary purchase, you're left with extra items that you don't need, don't have room for or won't use before the expiration date," said Rachel Rosenthal, a professional organizer and owner of Rachel and Company in Washington, D.C.

Rosenthal recommended families spend an afternoon combing through belongings in each room of the home: "Create categories and store like items together, toss or donate what you no longer need and keep everything easily accessible

so that it's possible to quickly locate next time you are in need," she said.

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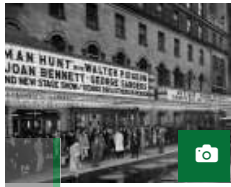
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