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You know the old saying, but is it *really* true?

Americans are shoppers. We buy to our heart's content, and fill our homes with things that are on sale, in hopes that we will eventually use some of the things we couldn't pass up. We love bargains and big houses with storage. Storage for what? Items that we don't need or use? Many people will outgrow their homes in a few years, and this makes sense if you your family has grown. However, many people buy larger homes for the storage. Let's think about this. The larger the home, the more stuff you will store. Is it necessary to buy a home for the "stuff" or for you? I have listed some examples of why people keep unnecessary items in their homes, and maybe some of these you can relate to.

"Just In Case Syndrome"- You have a television that is not working. You have 2 choices. You can have it repaired or, you can buy a new one. What will you do with the old one? Donate it? That's a noble idea. Keep it and someday get it repaired? I don't think so. What are the odds? Now, let's say you have a television that is working, but you want to upgrade to a new one. What will you do with the old one? Keep it and find somewhere in your house to use it, or put it away just "in case" the new one goes out? Think about it. You upgraded because you *wanted* a new television. If it does go on the fritz, you have a warranty (sometimes an extended one) or, being that the cost of televisions is relatively reasonable, you could replace it. Chances are, by the time your television does conk out, the new ones are more sophisticated anyway. The old one that you have in storage will never see the light of day. It's a dinosaur. Electronics nowadays are made to be obsolete in a short amount of time, and by the time you buy the model you saved for, a new one will be introduced within months.

"I Will Wear This Again Syndrome"- No you won't. The bridesmaid dress you had to buy 10 years ago is still hanging in the closet because you spent a fortune on it to wear once. When I look back at my wedding pictures from 1988, I couldn't fathom those poor girls wearing the dresses again - ever. Iridescent taffeta is not in, and hasn't been in 18 years. Not to mention the large bow that is sewn at the hip. Who in their right mind would wear that again? Thankfully bridesmaid dresses of today have been designed to be more "wearer friendly" again, but maybe once or twice again. You CAN part with it. Consider a resale shop, online auction service or a friend who could fit in it for a formal event, as an alternative to it taking up valuable storage space.

"Fashion Trends Will Come Around Again" - Does 20 years qualify for "again"? I suppose it does with some items, but when I think of the fashion trends of the early 80's (prairie

skirts, Madonna-esque waist belts, and shoulder pads) my stomach turns. I have aged. I am not only older, but I am not the same weight or shape I was 20 years ago. (I blame it on having children and not exercising) Who am I kidding to think I will wear these items again? You justify keeping things by thinking someday it will come back into style. **Put your closet on a diet.** No kidding! You know how great you feel when you lose a few pounds; think of how wonderful you will feel when you have empty space in your closet.

"Someday I may need this syndrome" - This is the most dangerous of all. Buying and storing items for when you "may need them". How do you know you will need something 2-5 years from now? Our tastes change, and in a couple of years, you will look at these items and think, "What was I thinking?" You may even forget why you bought the item to begin with. When making purchases, think it through. Just because it's a good deal, doesn't necessarily equate to "needing it".

For example, about 10 years ago I had purchased about 7 rolls of children's gift-wrap. At the time, this made sense as my son was at the age of non-stop birthday parties. Now that he is 17, I still have 3 rolls of gift-wrap and trust me, his friends would not want a gift-wrapped in Power Rangers. The new gifting option: Gift Cards. The concept may not be as personal as taking the time to buy an actual gift, but the recipient can buy what they want, not receive an unwanted gift that will sit for years without use. One advantage? You don't have to store rolls and rolls of gift-wrap! Or, you can consider buying folded gift-wrap, which is much easier to store than rolls. Oh I know, they sell the real cool storage containers for gift-wrap rolls, but if you are limited on space, where are you going to put *that*?

I guess some things can be considered holding on to depending on what the item is. But in reality, many things that we do purchase in hopes of using "someday" are really not worth the room that they take up in our homes. Now, if I only saved my 1971 VW Beetle now that my son is driving age...

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In today's world where over the top weddings are everywhere brides on a budget are often left feeling discouraged. The industry makes you think that if you cannot afford a \$100,000 affair then it's impossible to have the wedding of your dreams. To a bride her gown is one of the most crucial components of the entire wedding. Many are not willing to skimp on the dress often resulting in spending a fortune. Here at Marry go Round we believe everyone deserves to have the dress of their dreams no matter what their budget.

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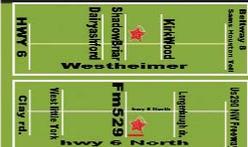
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