



GIVE YOURSELF A LASTING HOLIDAY PRESENT: GET THAT KITCHEN ORGANIZED



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'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



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A kitchen can be a wonderful place to work but, at times, it can also be a bit of a nightmare. Trying to juggle stacks of skillet or dig around for potholders when something is already burning is no fun, but it happens, at least occasionally, to anyone who uses a kitchen. Fortunately, there is hope for lasting and substantial organization to be brought into a kitchen. This hope comes primarily in the form of kitchen cabinet organizers.

Kitchen cabinet organizers are pieces of hardware that can be installed in a cabinet or cupboard to make it easier to get things in and out of storage. The organizer often takes the form of a pull-out

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shelf or rack, which is mounted to a rail in the bottom of the cabinet, so that items in the cabinet can be set or hung side by side, rather than stacked. In this way, it becomes possible for you to pull out a pan that's all the way in the back of the cabinet, and rarely used, without having to move all the other pots and pans in the cabinet.

One great thing about kitchen cabinet organizers is that they can be installed in the existing cabinets in your kitchen. The installation can be completed quickly and easily, and your kitchen cabinets can go from a frustrating mess to an easy to use, well-organized storage system at surprisingly little cost to you. This new level of organization can be particularly helpful as the holidays approach – it will be much easier, and much more fun, to entertain friends and family this holiday season if all your pots, pans, platters and plates are in easy reach, even if you haven't used some of them since the last holiday season.

email the expert

Question: Hello, I was wondering if there is anything I can do to shorten the time it takes for hot water to come out of my sink. When I am working in the kitchen, I find that I am spending too much time waiting for the water to heat up. Is there a solution for this problem? Thanks, Debbie Q.

Answer: Debbie, There certainly is a solution. You can have a recirculating pump installed. Basically, a recirculating pump is a device that sits between your hot water heater and your sink, and keeps warm water close to the tap and sends cold water back to be re-heated. This nifty device also saves fresh water, since it keeps you from having to run the faucet needlessly, so owning one can give you Federal tax credit for being environmentally savvy.

You can email the Expert by sending your questions to shannon@sundecksinc.com. Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is required to answer your question.

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It's also easier to pass along to anyone you think might enjoy the information, or, could use our service.

Would you like to have the nicest home in the neighborhood?

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Here's a list of some of the projects we specialize in:

Decks & Screen Porches	Additions & Basements
Front Porches	2 nd Story Additions
Sunrooms	Whole House Remodels
Gazebos	Garages

famous quote

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time."~ Laura Ingalls Wilder

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, yore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, and he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, with the sleigh full of toys, and St Nicholas too.

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JUST FOR LAUGHS :) –

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?
"Do you smell carrots?"

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From the Staff at Sundecks

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And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof the prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, and he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, and the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, and the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, that shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, and filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, and giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, and away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

To our customers and loyal friends:

We at Sundecks, Inc. and Post Designers & Builders want to wish you the happiest Holiday Season!

Happiness is a choice we make on a daily basis. This time of year, as we gather with family and friends, our hearts quicken with stories of sacrifice and giving, which tend to remind us of what's really important.

May joy reign in your hearts now and throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

Your Sundecks, Inc. and Post Designers & Builders Family

WE WELCOME OUR NEW FRIENDS INTO THE SUNDECKS, INC. FAMILY

We believe in treating all of our customers like family, just ask any of our longtime customers. We are excited to welcome each of our first time **Sundecks, Inc.** customers. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and hope to see you again very soon. Here are just a few of the new members of the family.

- Meng Yin & Jo Deng of Dumfries
- Howard Blatt of Potomac, MD
- Sandy Gielecki of Manassas

Thank you and welcome to everyone who recently joined our Sundecks, Inc. family... we couldn't do it without YOU!

SUNDECKS REWARD PROGRAM

Many of our customers "find" us as a result of word of mouth. This simple, yet gracious, act by our customers has allowed us to be successful. For this generosity, we offer our gratitude and a token of our appreciation through our Reward Program!

Here's how:

1. Simply refer someone to our services by having them call us for an appointment and have them mention your name and address.
2. When your referral signs a contract with us we will send you a check for \$100.00.

When you refer your friends, neighbors or family, you've helped our business grow. Offering you this reward is our way of letting you know just how much we appreciate your actions.

Remember to tell your friends to mention your name whenever they use our services!

WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING...

"We are so pleased with our new deck with pergola. David Sams' design was just what we hoped for, and the crew, headed by the excellent foreman William, built it with great attention to detail. Ray supervised the whole process and was always patient with my questions."

- Mr. & Mrs. Roe

Sudoku Puzzler

The Rules of Sudoku (*sūdoku*²)

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

3	9				4	8		
						9	5	
6			9					7
	1			7	9			
2			8		6			9
			5	2			7	
1					8			2
9	6							
	7	5					3	1

For the solution to this issue's Sudoku Puzzler, email us at shannon@sundecksinc.com

Green Tip

Recycling Your Christmas Tree :

Trim off the branches from the tree and place them over garden beds, in order to reduce the frost heaving caused by freezing and thawing. The trunk of the tree can be used for making homemade trellises or tomato stakes. Never ever burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. It may contribute to creosote buildup.



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