

Small Space Prep

How To Successfully Store Emergency - Disaster Supplies
Living In A Small Place

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How we prefer to live

Without navigating narrow pathways, and not viewing unsightly stacked storage containers, or sifting through piles of difficult to manage supplies



Adding in what supplies and equipment that is needed in an emergency/disaster with everything else feels like a lot of clutter



**“Space:
the
final
destination
(frontier)”**

To start:
Reduce, donate,
give away, and
eliminate unused,
unnecessary, no
longer needed
items.

Star Trek X1 (apologies)



Start with the Kitchen

Kitchens:

Cupboards

- Check for space above or cabinets
- Put shelving in deep cabinets
- Extra space above the stove or refrigerator
- Clean out or rearrange items
- Use turntables
- Add shelves under sink



Bathrooms



Laundry and Pantry



Bedrooms

Under Beds

Use under-bed containers - some have wheels (Walmart or ?)

Make your own food rotation boxes by cutting cardboard boxes to fit under beds - add new cans of food in one side and use from the other side of the bed.

Behind the Headboard

Stack buckets of bulk foods behind the headboard, out of sight.

Night Stands

Stack Boxes of Food, cover with a table cloth and use for night stands.

Find used crates - decorate if desired and use for night stands



More



Closets

Hall, guest room, bedroom, linen, broom, utility:

Rearrange

Build or add shelves or step shelves

Use crates or bookshelves

Shelf racks on door backs

Put shoes on top of boxes

Hanging pockets on inside of doors

Stack boxes or #10 cans at each end of closets.

Redesign the entire closet



Attic, basement



Stairs



Sitting spaces



Garage, sheds

Outside House:

Garage, carport, sheds, covered porch

(non-food only if not temperature controlled)

Add insulated walls to create room with correct temperature

Add shelves, floor to ceiling

Add freestanding shelf units

Build a loft

Suspend shelves from ceiling



Other ideas



Summary and your ideas

- What other thoughts would you add that will make space and efficiency to store your supplies and equipment.
- Secured and able to withstand an earthquake is critical
- Accessibility is extremely important
- Last thoughts?
- Links and resources