



# Neat Freak News

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## LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEAS FOR THE ORGANIZATIONALLY CHALLENGED

Just in case you haven't finished your holiday shopping, here are a few of my favorite organizational gifts to give or receive.

**GREENDIMES** ([www.greendimes.com](http://www.greendimes.com)). If you enjoy receiving junk mail, then read no further. However, if you're like the rest of the world, then keep reading. For just \$.10 a day (or \$36 a year) Greendimes will get you off mailing lists, stop junk mail from flooding your mailbox, allow you to pick and choose the catalogs you want to receive, AND plant a tree every single month just for you! That's 12 trees a year, planted on your behalf in India, Haiti or Senegal where a tree does more than reforest—it helps local people stay productive on their land and preserves their livelihood. Less junk mail, more trees in the world...everyone wins!

**THE SIX O' CLOCK SCRAMBLE** ([www.sixoclockscramble.com](http://www.sixoclockscramble.com)) Has your family threatened a mutiny if you feed them one more rotisserie chicken? Then you might consider a gift subscription to The Six o' Clock Scramble. For less than \$50 a year, you'll receive a weekly email newsletter providing five family-tested dinner recipes and a corresponding grocery list. Most meals take 30 minutes or less to prepare and have fewer than ten ingredients. Take the mayhem out of mealtime and start to enjoy dinner again!

**DOORGANIZER** ([www.containerstore.com](http://www.containerstore.com)) Do you ever walk out of the house without your keys, your cell phone, your glasses, your bills to mail, or your mind? If so, the Doorganizer is the gift for you. This handy little tool hangs on a doorknob and holds all of the above-mentioned necessities (well...maybe not your mind!) so you'll never leave home without them.

**NEATFREAK GIFT CERTIFICATES** ([www.neat-freak.com](http://www.neat-freak.com)) This year, pass on the satisfying feeling of an organized life by purchasing NeatFreak Gift Certificates for friends, loved ones and colleagues. These gift certificates are a wonderful way to say "Welcome to your new home", or "Wow—you're a new mom", or "Way to go on the new job!" or "Happy Holidays...Now will you kindly clean up your mess!" E-mail me for more details: [perri@neat-freak.com](mailto:perri@neat-freak.com)

Enjoy the holidays and all the gifts of the season!

## SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Set yourself up for success by setting realistic goals for organizing your home or office in 2007. Chances are, your space didn't get this way overnight, and it won't be transformed in 30 minutes (no matter what "Mission Organization" makes you believe). Here are a few quick tips for organizing in the New Year;

**\*\*Break your organizational tasks into smaller tasks that can realistically be completed in an hour or two. Don't attempt to clean out 12 years of paper in an afternoon. Focus on a file a day and in a month, you'll be amazed at your progress.**

**\*\*Commit to a "one in, one out" pledge for the year. Find a great new pair of shoes that you just can't resist? Purchase them only if you're willing to part with an old pair first.**

**\*\*Take a "do it now" attitude. Don't put "it" (and by "it" I mean your coat, your mail, your keys, your backpack...you get the picture) down just anywhere. Give it a home and put it there!**

**\*\*Vow to create one chaos free corner of your home that you can love, enjoy, relax and take pride in for 2007.**