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## New Year Resolutions for Your Home.

Your finances aren't the only thing that has room for new resolutions in 2023! Consider these great ideas to make your home feel brand new come January:

### Purge Your Space

While most people think about purging when Spring comes around, the end of the year really is no better time. While cleaning your home is common around the holidays, purging takes that a step further. Make it part of your New Year's resolution to purge your home of all the things you don't need. It may seem daunting at first, but most of the decisions are already made. Look around your home and really catalogue those items you didn't use in 2022 (or 2021!) and make it your resolution to finally get rid of them. Go room-by-room to ensure the purging remains manageable and you get the most out of the process!

### Donate What You Can

Following up on purging your home, this is a great time to donate old items. While purging, make two piles – one for garbage and one for items to donate. During this time of year, those in need can use your help the most! So, while you're purging, reconsider tossing out old items and instead donate them to someone who would benefit.

### Make Sure You Are Safe & Sound

A clean house is only half the battle – you also need a safe one! While your home is going to look fresh and organized after you've finished purging old items from the year, now you will want to put some effort into ensuring safety. Check fire detectors and fireplaces, as well as investigate radon and carbon monoxide also (the hardware for these tests are not particularly expensive). This is a good time to check ventilation as well!

### Shrink Your Bills (and Your Carbon Footprint)

Some people think the only way to "go green" these days is buying a hybrid car – but your home is a great place to cut energy too! Everything from switching off the lights when you leave a room, to dialing down your air conditioner and heating, to installing LED bulbs and energy-saving showerheads or toilets, can help you save in the long run and ensure your home is more energy efficient for the New Year!

### Plan Out Home Improvement Projects

Heading into the New Year is a super fun time to plan out future home improvement projects! They don't even have to be on the docket for 2023, but this is a great time to re-evaluate your home for any changes or additions you want to make in the coming years – and to start saving for them now.

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