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Good clean-up starts with good organization plan!

If put off today and do it tomorrow, are words we hear each year as spring kitchen clean-up and organization time comes along.

Plan first. The key to a stressless clean-up is to plan first. Then attack. Think about what utensils and appliances you use, then follow the old rules: store where first used, store where easily seen and reached, and store safely.

Basic work centers include the sink area, the cooking and serving area, and the food storage area. Make a list of equipment you own that belongs in each center.

Think in centers. Mixing bowls, spatulas and other food preparation items belong near the food mixing center, coffee pots and dishwashing supplies should be near the sink center, and pasta, spices and pot holders are handy near the cooking and serving center.

Once you have the plan, store accomplished items to be done. Plan to do it in a certain order. This includes bent and rusted pots, cracked or chipped china and glasses, and odd sized jars. Retire never used items and give away the best ten times you no longer use.

Allocate space. Frequently used items that you do wish to have on hand. To better to have the work maker on the top shelf than space economy. Be realistic for every day.

Remember too. That such things as tinables, shod out drawers, stack shelves, and plastic, will make life easier day in and day out. Colorful shelf liners also will help inspire you to keep things in order and drawers looking neat and clean.

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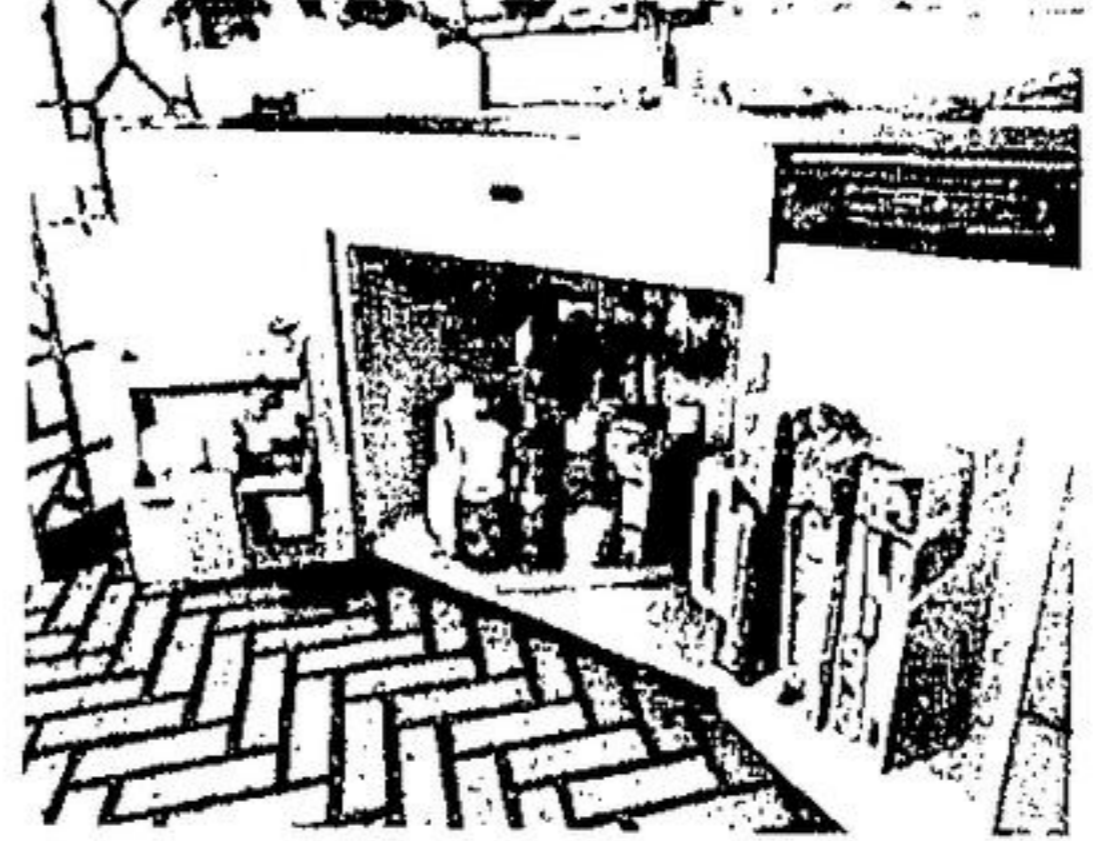
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Soil tips

Enrich soil. Moving soil takes muscle. A cubic foot weighs nearly 100 pounds, so if you are planning to haul some, consider an alternative: add out any lighter organic materials such as peat moss, forest product mulch or compost. One important point: all are low in plant food so be sure to add

fertilizer to the soil.

Buy quality. Early spring is packaged rise time. If you are considering them for your garden, buy early and pick No. 1 grade stock. Avoid bargain end of the season clearance sales as plant quality drops the longer they are kept on dry, warm store shelves.



NEAT AND EFFICIENT. Hubbard's organization did the trick. The storage turntable holds supplies right at fingertips. The clean-up caddy on the left holds aerosols and cleaning brushes, while aluminum lid and waxed paper are in the wrap & bag organizer on the right done.

The Energy Savers

Catch up with a retrofit

It's time to retrofit. The way we live has changed. Home energy audits are now a must. The energy audit is a check-up on your home's energy efficiency. It's a good idea to have a professional energy auditor come in and check your home's energy efficiency. The audit will tell you where you are losing energy and how to fix it. This can save you a lot of money on your energy bills.

There are many ways to save energy in your home. One of the most important is to make sure your home is properly insulated. This includes the walls, ceiling, and floor. Another important thing is to make sure your windows are properly sealed. This will help to keep the heat in during the winter and the cool air in during the summer.

Another way to save energy is to use energy-efficient light bulbs. These bulbs use less energy than regular incandescent bulbs and last much longer. They are a great investment for anyone who wants to save money on their energy bills.

Finally, it's important to make sure your home's heating and cooling systems are properly maintained. This includes having your furnace and air conditioning units serviced regularly. This will help to keep them running efficiently and prevent any potential problems.

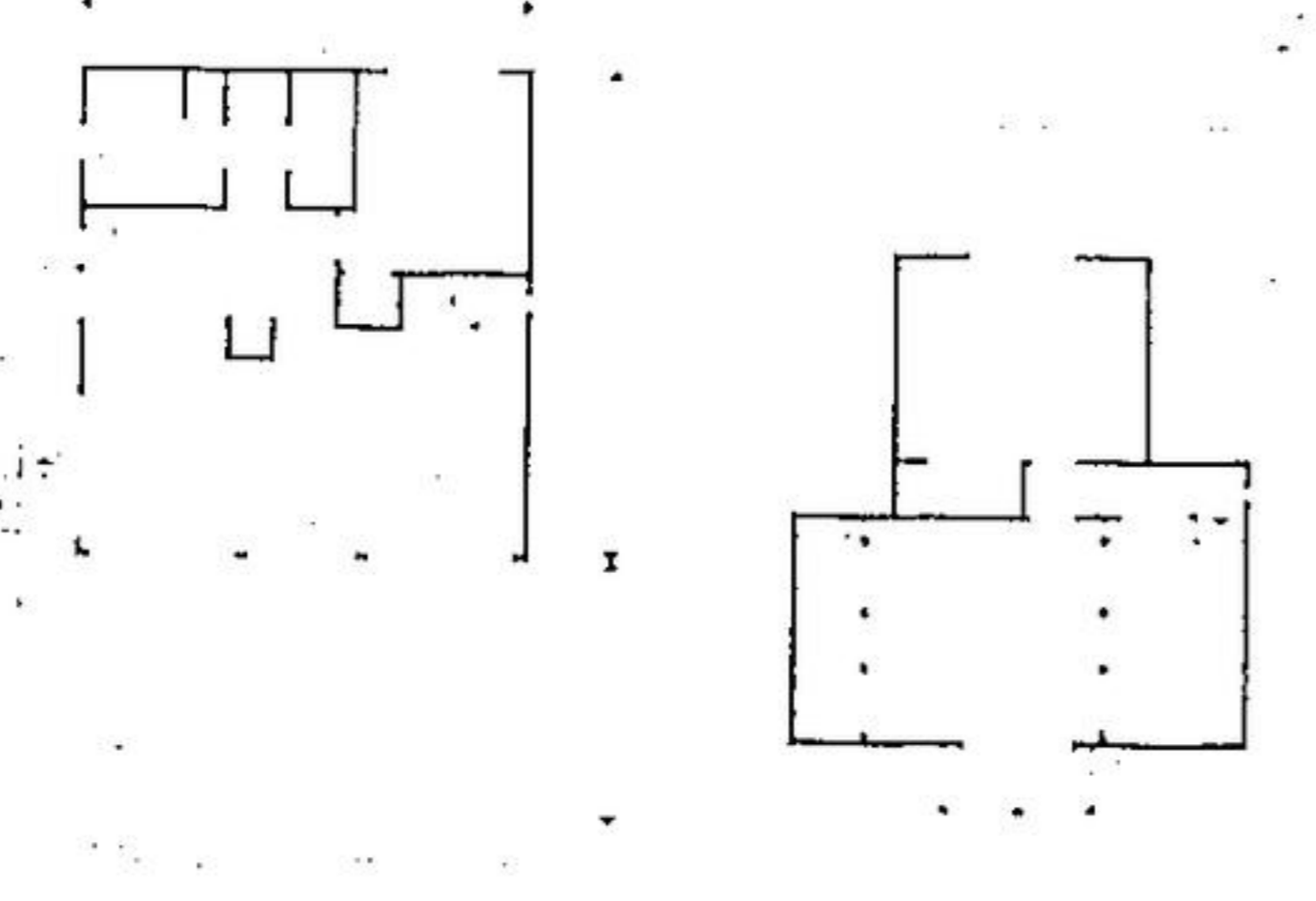
For more information on energy saving techniques, contact your local utility company or a professional energy auditor. They can provide you with a free energy audit and help you to make the most of your home's energy resources.

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THIS BOY'S ROOM is designed for games, study and sleep-over company. Bunk beds are easy to make up with down-filled comforters. A spare bed is simple to produce — just unroll a sleeping bag and company is set for the night. Daytime activities will make good use of the ample floor space.

NEW HOME OF THE WEEK



ALPINE COTTAGE

Get the most out of life with this unique summer cottage, featured as the plan of the week.

The heavy shake roof is complemented by the ginger bread trim of the gables. Vertical battens on the walls, decorative railings, with the clever use and design of the support beams, create an attractive exterior. There's a driveway under the sundeck, which can be enclosed, leave it as a carport as shown, or if it's more desirable close it in for storage.

Directly from the carport illustrated here, the outside stairway leads to the large sundeck and front entrance. At the side, it's only a few short steps from the back door and kitchen.

Double doors from the sundeck open to a spacious living area, created by combining the living and dining rooms. The entire front and dining side of this area feature view windows, with a maximum of daylight. A free standing fireplace (the acorn type) can be installed in the living room, beside the staircase, with the flue running up through the exposed joists to the roof. For quick lunches and snacks, there is an "eating bar", which allows convenient service to the dining room as well.

Designed for easy meal preparation, the compact kitchen has the range and oven enclosed at the end of one counter, and the fridge at the other end of the counter, close to the twin sink, for convenient food preparation. The back door allows convenient access for all household supplies.

The smaller of the two bedrooms is perfect for weekend guests, as it has it's own view window, closet space and privacy.

On the second floor the master bedroom has a large closet and a view window to the rear. A bonus feature is the sleeping loft for those extra guests that bring their sleeping bags. In one corner is a planter where trailing plants will hang directly over the eating bar and benefit from the maximum daylight. Double doors from the loft open to the balcony at the front, which copies the design of this Alpine cottage.

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