

# A well-designed kitchen has efficient work area

If the lid to that plastic food storage container is on leave of absence, end the hunt. Organize your kitchen cabinets!

Analyze what's working for you now and what isn't. Which small appliances and dishes do you use often and what could be stored elsewhere (or even eliminated)?

Here's a fresh look at this most often-used room in the home that can save you steps and time, not to mention frustration.

The secret to success is to organize one cabinet at a time. Do yourself a favor as you begin; wash the shelf, allow it to dry completely (while you sort and toss contents), then install an attractive shelf liner.

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Shelf liners help protect fine cabinets too. (Later, it's easy to clean shelves; just wipe with a damp cloth). Getting this part done will give you a feeling of success and a quick lift. Now, you're ready to tackle the bigger organization bugaboos.

### WORK TRIANGLE

A well-designed kitchen has an efficient work triangle formed by three areas: The range and microwave oven, the refrigerator and the sink. Study what is stored in these areas. See if it's efficient. This guide may help you decide where to put what.

• Range/microwave oven - In this area, keep pots and pans, microwave cookware, platters and serving trays, muffin pans, baking and cooking utensils. Spices and herbs should be nearby but away from any heat source. Measuring cups/spoons and supplies like pasta, rice, cooking oil, canned foods and soups all can go in this area.

• Sink - Anything you need to wash, from casual dinnerware to potatoes, can be here. Keep things you use often (tumblers, mugs, food preparation gadgets and cutlery) at eye or waist level. Cutler trays and drawer organizers bring small items into

quick order.

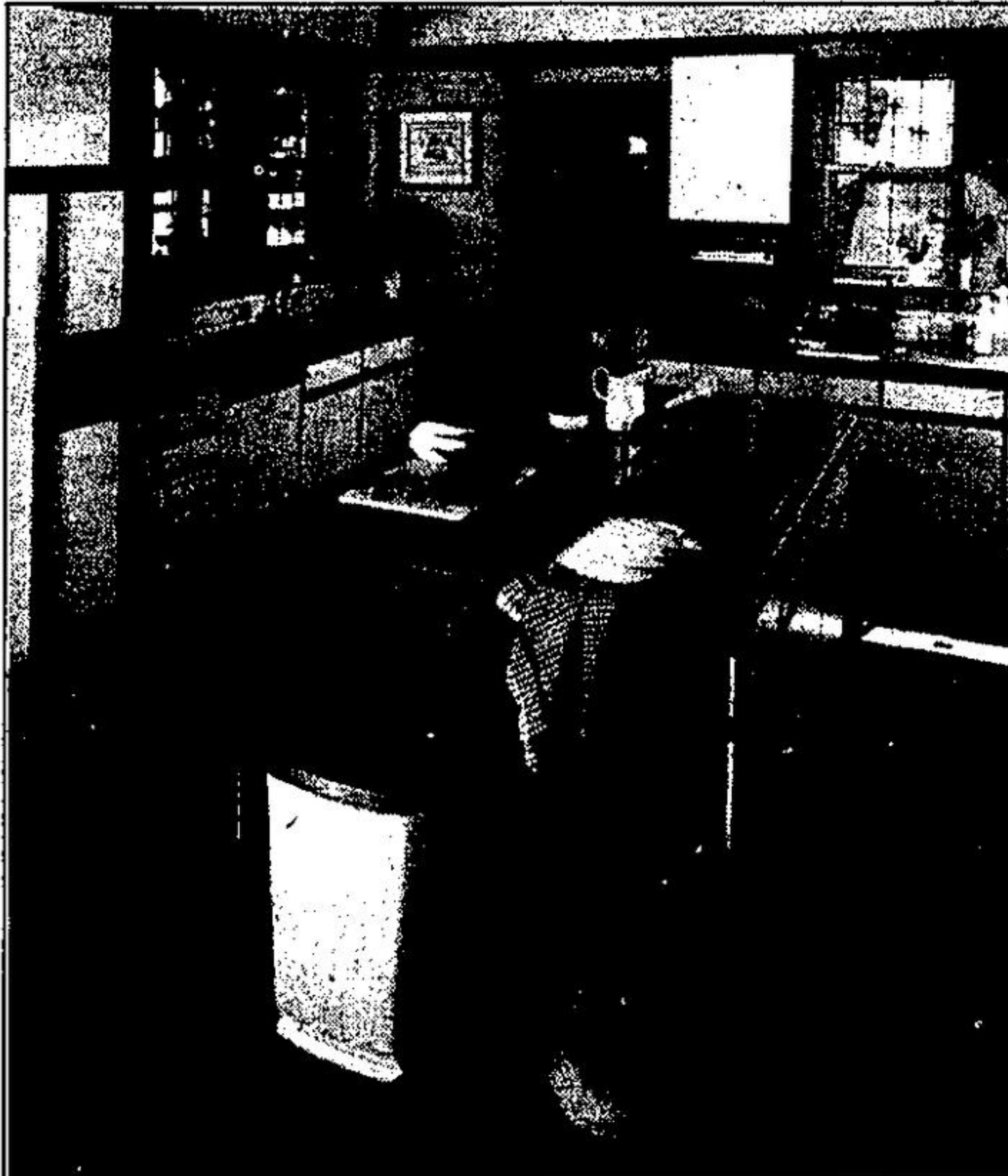
A clean-up caddy installed inside the cabinet door beneath the sink can hide sponges, scouring pads, vegetable brushes and other supplies. If young children are in the home, keep cleaning compounds high or install locks on cabinet doors.

• Refrigerator - In this area, store food storage containers nested with lids beneath each container. Place unrefrigerated food where it's convenient for food preparation. Inside the refrigerator, try turntables at the back of shelves to spin hard to reach items into easy view and reach.

Short on cabinets or drawers?

Wrap and bag organizers, made to hold various-sized boxes of aluminum foil, waxed paper and plastic wraps, can be installed inside the door of base cabinets, on a closet door, or beneath a shelf or upper cabinet to free drawer space.

Single and twin turntables help maximize space in cabinets; use them for smaller cans, condiments, or dishes and glassware. Another idea: Install a high shelf around the kitchen to hold large appliances, mixing bowls or seldom-used items that each up cabinet space. Use attractive baskets if you want things out of sight.



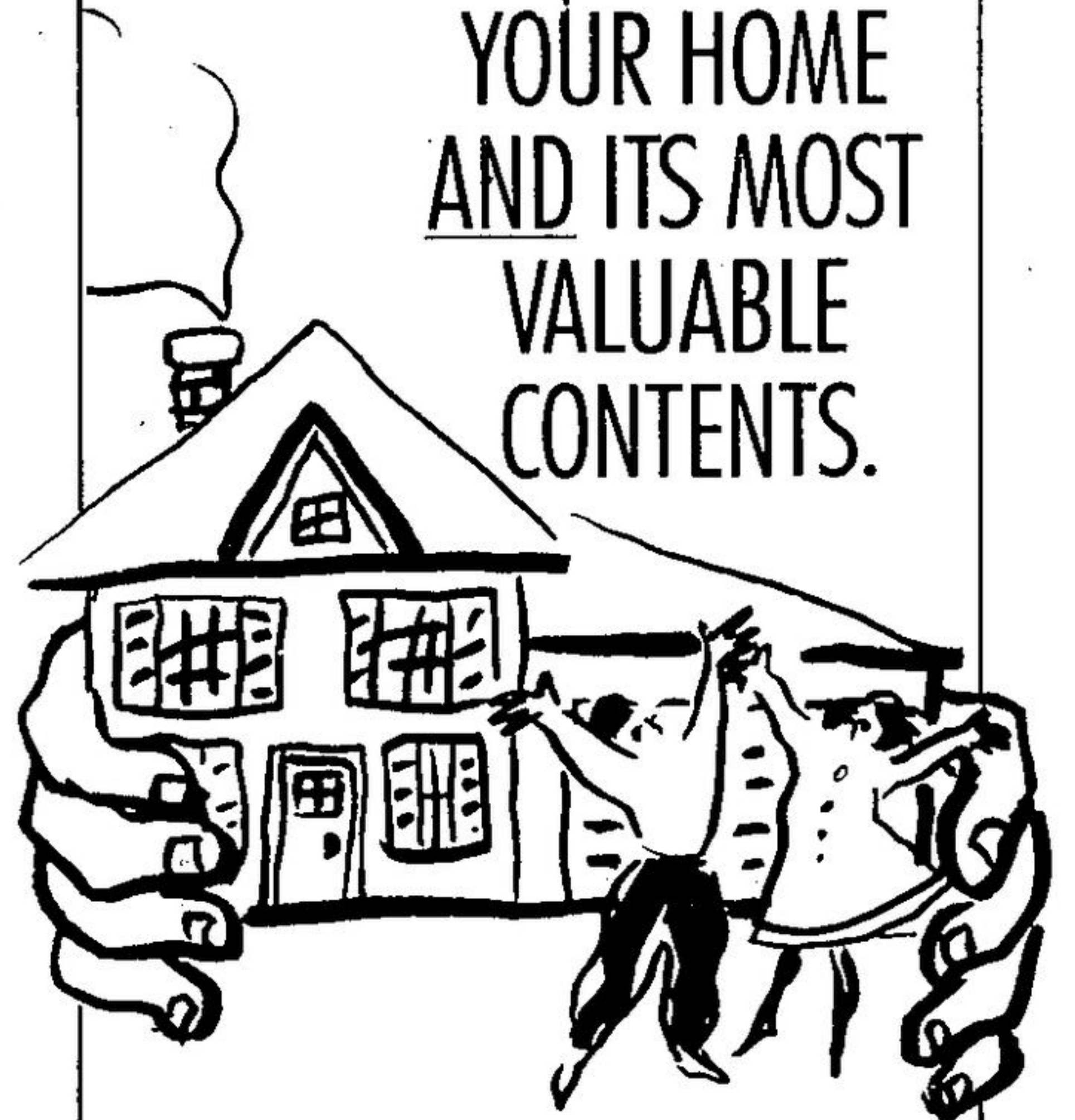
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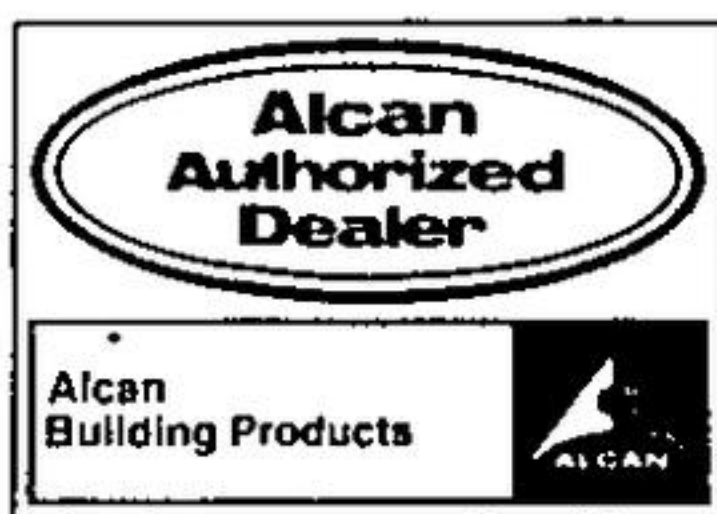
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