

# Add some vanity sanity to your home

It's the room where you start and end your day, so it should be one of the most enjoyable...but admit it, most of the time, your bathroom is not the relaxing retreat you hoped it would be.

Whether it's overrun with towels and toiletries—or is tough to keep clean with smudged mirrors and faucets—today's bathrooms are in need of some serious updates and organization. Luckily, a few simple tips and tricks can bring style and sanity to your bathroom vanity in no time.

## Furniture Fix

Furniture pieces can add style, colour, warmth, and most importantly, a place to store your bathroom necessities out of sight. Even if your bathroom is small, you may still be able to find room for a small shelf or chest. Large bathrooms have the luxury of added storage space offered by a stylish cupboard, shelving unit or armoire.

## Fancy Faucets

If you haven't updated your bathroom fixtures in a while, take a look at some of the excitement in this area. For example, the new Boardwalk bath collection from Moen can take your faucets from drab to fab with their glamorous vintage looks. Moen designers tell us that the Boardwalk centreset and widespread faucets



are certified to meet WaterSense criteria, reducing water usage by up to 32 percent. The company says the best part is the new Spot Resist finish that does just what it says—resists fingerprints and water spots. Now you can add style and sanity to the bath since you won't waste time cleaning.

## Organize Odds and Ends

Have your bathroom drawers become a catch-all for hotel samples and unused cosmetics? Then it's time to sort, purge and organize. Once you've decided what you cannot live without, find a spot for everything. Try gathering your bathroom cleaning supplies and store them together in a handled tote under your sink or in an upper cupboard.

## Store Items in Style

Don't have much wall space? Freeing the floor can be simple. Store your items in style by installing racks, towel bars and robe hooks to hang extra towels, clothes or bathrobes. The back of the door is an often overlooked area to install these essentials.

For an updated bathroom, minus the mess, these quick tips will help you keep your sanity and organize your vanity. More information is available online at [www.moen.ca](http://www.moen.ca).

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