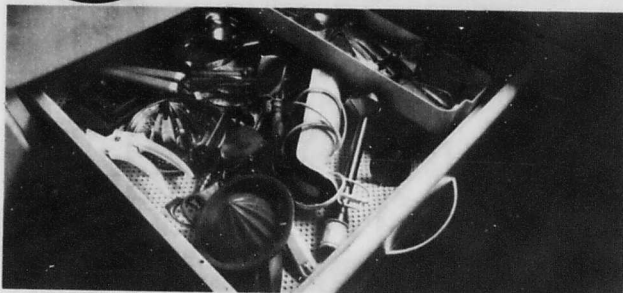




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## Kitchen Items You Really Don't Need

Stay it may seem essential but... a pickle grabber?

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If your kitchen drawers, cabinets, and countertops are overrun with cooking essentials, you may want to rethink the word "essentials." Is a vegetable peeler essential? One hundred percent. A strawberry slicer? Not even close. Many kitchen gadgets and small appliances fall into the latter category, taking up precious space that could be devoted to things you use regularly.

While decluttering won't instantly turn your home into a minimalist's dream, it will make your kitchen more functional. To decide what you can give away to family, friends, and charities, ask yourself: When was the last time you used a certain item? and will you ever use it again? Take a look below at some suggested things you really don't need in your kitchen:

### Specialty cookware

Many of these items have only a single

use and they're super-specific, like a grilled cheese maker, espresso machine, or juicer. No wonder you keep them all the way back in the cupboard—you rarely use them.

### Specialty gadgets

There are many single-use tools that your kitchen can do just fine without like an avocado masher, hard-boiled egg slicer, and spaghetti server. Something simple—a chef's knife or spoon—often can do the job just well.

### Duplicates

There are some items that make perfect sense to have two of such as a baking sheet and spatulas. But how often would a home cook need two stock pots or two woks? When seeing double, evaluate which is the newer or better one to keep.

### Mismatched coffee mugs

If you've got a cabinet full of disparate coffee mugs touting everything from the new eye doctor in town to your coworker's grandson's third birthday party, it's time to clean out the cabinet. Save the sentimental mugs ("I Love Mommy") and bring that pretty set you forgot about to the front of the storage cabinet.

### Plastic takeout containers

You want to do your part in saving the environment and you think one way is to reuse the sturdy containers that takeout food often comes in. The problem? You have a hefty collection of these containers but you never remember to use them for leftovers. Check whether or not they're recyclable before throwing them in the trash.

### Baby items

Though your children have long since stopped using the bibs, bottles, and dishes from their early years, you still have them in the same cabinet as when they were in daily use. If they're still in good condition, pass them onto a new mother who could use them.

### Anything whose purpose you can't identify

If you don't know what an appliance or gadget is used for, it's best to admit defeat and give it away.

### Seasonal specials

Whether they're Santa Claus cookie cutters or Independence Day ice-pop forms, move any seasonal, once-a-year items to the same closet or box where you keep other limited-time items.

## Hot Property

### Bungalow in Prime Millcreek Location

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This charming brick bungalow in Mountaire Estates, Millcreek, blends contemporary style with cozy warmth. Renovated in 2018, it features an open layout connecting the living room and kitchen, ideal for gatherings. The kitchen boasts white cabinets, granite countertops, hardwood floors, and a striking stone backsplash. The primary bedroom includes a modern bath with a sliding barn door and elegant tile, with a second bedroom and full bathroom nearby. The lower level offers a cozy living space, a third bedroom with a full egress window, a three-quarter bath with mosaic tile, and a washer/dryer, plus a sizable storage room. Outside, a Trex deck patio leads to a spacious yard for leisure or entertaining. The property also includes an oversized garage with RV parking and an electric gate. Conveniently located near Millcreek Commons, Brickyard Plaza, and local restaurants, this home exemplifies modern living in a prime location. Buyer to verify all details.

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