

Fall into Your Fall Clothing

When the leaves change color, and we change the time on our clocks, it is time to make some changes to our wardrobes as well! [Here's a checklist of wardrobe tasks to consider!](#)

- ❑ Move your cold weather clothing into a more accessible place in your closet, and move your summer clothing to your out-of-season clothing storage area, if you have one.
- ❑ Use the switchover time as an opportunity to inventory your clothing. Pick up one item of clothing at a time and ask yourself these questions:
 - *Do I still wear it?*
 - *Do I love it?*
 - *Does it still fit? (Come on, be honest!)*
- ❑ If one or more of your answers is “yes”, then put it back in your closet. Hang similar items, such as long-sleeve shirts, together.
- ❑ If you are undecided about an item of clothing, don't agonize over it. Create a pile of “Undecideds” on the bed to revisit later.
- ❑ If your answers are all “no”, then it's time to share the article of clothing with someone less fortunate.
 - Keep a list of the items you donate to charity.
 - Obtain a receipt from the charity and staple it to your list.
 - Store your receipt and list in your tax file so you can claim the deduction on your income tax return.
 - Purchase a copy of the book, *It's Deductible*. It assigns IRS-approved values to many types of clothing and household items. To order, call 1-800-976-5358 or visit the product section of this website and look for *It's Deductible* under Organizing Books at amazon.com
- ❑ Create a separate pile of clothes to be dry cleaned, mended, or altered. When you've finished organizing your closet, take the pile directly to your car.
- ❑ Revisit those “Undecided” articles of clothing – and decide! Enlist the help of a family member or friend if you are really stuck.

While you may not look forward to the cold weather, at least your wardrobe is organized and ready!