

## Home Hacks: Nine Tips for Charlottesville Homeowners

You don't have to be holding a showing or Charlottesville open house to appreciate time-saving maintenance and organizational tips. Nowadays, many of these are being called "home hacks"—but no matter what you call them, when you find yourself repeatedly dealing with recurring cleaning and household organizational problems, simple shortcuts are what is called for.

Without further ado, here are 9 home hacks for Charlottesville householders. I've noted them as briefly as possible so you can quickly spot familiar situations in your own household:

1. Oil-stained garage floor? Some recommend sprinkling with cat litter—but it can get messy. Try Coca-Cola first!
2. Don't throw out those plastic clips that keep bread bags closed—label them with the names of the electronic devices plugged into the media center's power strip. They'll hang perfectly on the cords—and let you know which is which without unplugging (and triggering a date/time reset).
3. When you are doing all the bedrooms at once for a showing or open house, you'll be glad if you've kept the separate sheet sets in their matching pillowcases.
4. Curtain rod hack ONE: Suspend a curtain rod from ceiling hooks near the washer/dryer. All you need is a bunch of coat hangers—and see how handily they organize the clean shirts!
5. Curtain rod hack TWO: Too much cleaning stuff jammed together under the kitchen sink? Install another curtain rod near the top, and hang all the spray-nozzle-type bottles from it. Now there's plenty of room for all the rest of the stuff below.
6. Stubborn water spots on shower doors and mirrors? Use dryer sheets.
7. If you've stashed family board games in storage containers, label them. It's easy to forget how family board and card games can *make* family gatherings—but without labels, all those old games are out of sight and out of mind.
8. Cleaning Charlottesville properties that have lots of stainless steel appliances can be frustrating unless you've heard about using rubbing alcohol with a microfiber cloth. Always wipe *with* the grain!
9. Tie a baggy with vinegar around a clogged shower head and leave it overnight. Watch the results following the next morning!

These are nine of the "home hacks" that can save Charlottesville householders time and frustration. Saving my Charlottesville real estate clients both is part of my job description!



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Born and raised in the Shenandoah Valley of Central Virginia, I love everything outdoors. Most of my free time is spent hiking, rock climbing, playing water sports, or cooking out on the back deck with friends. As a child, my parents built me with the core values of a southern gentleman. Trust starts with honesty and honesty builds integrity. I'm a technology guru! One of my favorite hobbies is restoring old homes in depressed neighborhoods to meet the needs of our generation today. My mission is to build a career worth having, a business worth owning, and a life worth living. Being GREEN® is more than just the resource efficiency of your home. It's a lifestyle choice! Let's discuss how to minimize your carbon footprint in everyday life by simplifying your daily commute, decreasing your household energy costs, and boosting the efficiency and sustainability of your daily routine!

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