

# WHEN ORGANIZING ISN'T ENOUGH

# SHED Your Stuff, Change Your Life

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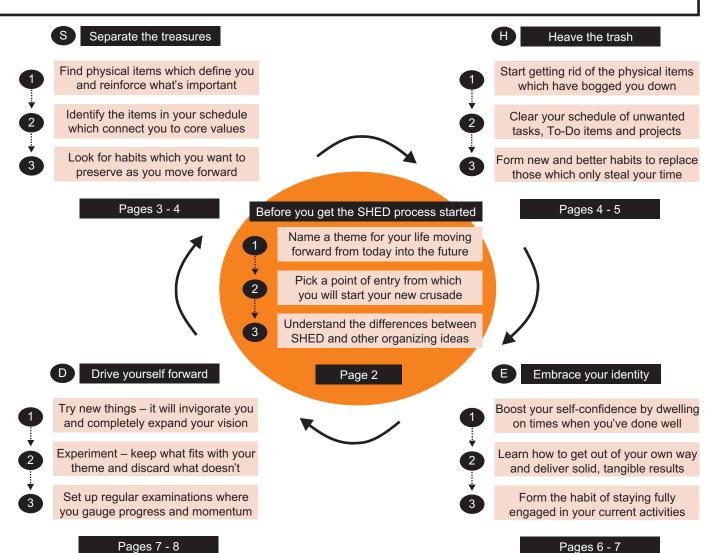


#### **MAIN IDEA**

Organizing works just fine when you know where you want to go but you aren't really sure how you can actually get there. There are, however, times when organizing alone isn't enough. If you're uncertain about where you're heading or if you simply feel it's time to make changes in your career or in your personal life, then organizing skills are not necessarily going to be helpful. In those situations, you're better off releasing your attachment to old and obsolete items so you have more clarity and space to move forward. This is where the SHED process becomes helpful.

SHED is the transformative process of letting things go that represent the past. It involves four steps:

#### Separate the treasures Embrace your identity Try and figure out why you have an emotional Acknowledge that you are who you are even attachment to all your clutter at present. Then without all the stuff you normally have around. identify which specific items energize you and Look at this as an opportunity to have true value for where you want to head. reconnect to your authentic self. Heave the trash Drive yourself forward Once you've identified what is genuinely worth Work hard now to fill your space and your saving, get rid of all the items which represent schedule with activities, experiences and items the past. This will create loads of energy which tie in with the chosen theme because you'll discontinue draining things. you want to pursue in the future.



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