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### ***Ventura County Events***

#### **Simi Valley Street Fair**

May 3rd 9am to 4pm  
Simi Town Center Way

#### **48th Annual Thousand Oaks Chili Cook Off, Car Show and Craft Brew Fest**

May 4th Noon to 5pm  
Conejo Creek Park North

#### **Moorpark Apricot Festival**

May 10th 11am to 5pm  
Arroyo Vista Community Park

#### **39th Annual California Strawberry Festival**

May 17th/18th 10am to 6:30pm  
Ventura County Fairgrounds

#### **Conejo Valley Parade**

May 18th 9am to 11am  
Thousand Oaks Blvd

#### **48th Annual Ojai Art in the Park**

May 24th/25th 10am to 5pm  
Libby Park in Ojai

### **Spring Time Declutter**

Spring cleaning and spring decluttering are often lumped together, but they're actually two very different activities. Cleaning refers to the process of scrubbing and dusting a space. Decluttering is the act of getting rid of unnecessary or messy items in order to make space more functional items.



The mistake many people make is trying to do both at once, leading to feelings of overwhelm. Trying to deep spring clean while also getting rid of clutter can be a recipe for failure.

Instead, it's important to start with decluttering first. Once the extra 'stuff' has been removed, cleaning becomes MUCH easier and more effective. You'll spend less time cleaning and feel less frustrated.

**So what should you declutter first in the spring?** Here are some items that need to go before you start any spring cleaning.

These items are all either in open areas of your home or in spaces that you'll be deep-cleaning soon. Removing them will make it easier to get your space clean and organized.

- Unnecessary items off kitchen counters
- Extra or unused kitchen gadgets taking up space in cabinets/drawers
- The Pantry - Clean out old or expired foods
- Clear unused items off bathroom counters
- Old makeup and/or unused personal care appliances taking up space in bathroom cabinets/drawers
- Extra cleaning supplies or products you don't like or never use
- Extra pillows that clutter up couches and chairs
- Knick-knacks and decorative items around the house that are just collecting dust

## Welcome to Ventura Management!

*The Morgan Family  
The Boren Family*

**Welcome Back!**  
*The Ramirez Family*

**Memorial Day**  
**May 26, 2025**  
**We honor our fallen veterans**  
**serving in the**  
**U.S. Armed Forces**

- **Need to buy or sell your home? Ask how we can save you thousands!**
- **Know someone who needs help with property management. We can help!**

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### *Spring Time Declutter (cont.)*

- Furniture pieces that no longer work in your space
- Create tubs for winter clothing and winter outerwear to create more closet space
- Unused exercise equipment and other bulky items
- Gifts you received but never liked or used
- Half-finished projects that you're no longer interested in completing
- Paper piles from anywhere in the house
- Houseplants that are not surviving
- Anything in disrepair beyond a reasonable cost of fixing

### **Spring Decluttering Tips**

1. Here are some ways to keep decluttering VERY simple this spring: Start small: Begin with one room or area at a time instead of trying to clean up the entire house all at once.
2. Use a timer: Decide how long you're going to spend decluttering during each session. Set a timer so you stay motivated to keep working and get as much done as possible instead of getting lost and overwhelmed.
3. Be honest with yourself: Take an honest look at each item in the space you're working on and ask yourself if you truly need it, use it regularly or if it holds sentimental value.
4. Use the three-box method: Have three boxes labeled "Keep", "Donate" and "Throw Away". Sort every item into one of these categories.



### **May Quote:**

*"Everything you say should be true but not everything that is true should be said"*

*... Voltaire*

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