

Front-Seat Smarts

Between commuting and shuttling the kids, you spend a lot of time behind the wheel—about 15 hours per week. And the mess in the front seat shows it. Professional organizer Ann Sullivan explains how to travel cleaner and lighter with her special ASAP system.



Assess What do you do in your car besides drive? Listen to your favorite CDs? Eat breakfast? A mental checklist will help you figure out front-seat must-haves. Sort Store copies of documents (insurance, registration), the car manual and a flashlight in the glove box. Stow maps and an umbrella in the door pocket. Gather stray toys into a fabric tote bag in the backseat. Move auto supplies, a first aid kit and other lesser-used items to the trunk. Activate Attach a mobile pack like this Swing-Away Seat Organizer (\$20, www.mobilegear.com) to the passenger seat. It has plenty of slots for pens and notepads, a cell phone, folders and snacks, plus side pockets for water or your baby's bottle. Preserve Return supplies to their designated slots when you're done with them. Remember to rotate or replace supplies as needed.