ARE YOU IN CHARGE OF YOUR CLOSET OR IS YOUR CLOSET IN CHARGE OF YOU???

If you consider your closet the "black hole" in your universe (or your bedroom), or if you open your closet door very carefully so you are not buried under the fallout, you may need some help in organizing your storage space to keep your clothes neater and easier to find. You will want to arrange the closet to use the space to your best advantage.

Group similar clothing together. It will be easier to find your blue shirt among the shirts, instead of hidden between other types of clothes. By hanging similar lengths together, there will be space underneath to place shelves or baskets to hold other items in the closet.

ARRANGING DRAWERS

Arrange your drawer in similar fashion. Store the same type of items together, such as socks, underwear, and T-shirts. Use a tray on top of a chest or dresser to hold small items, such as a watch or jewelry.

Don't forget the space under your bed. Low boxes or metal chests can be used to store out of season or seldom worn garments.

CLOSET HINTS

- * Multiple shirt, skirt, and pants hangers enable six garments to be hung on one hanger.
- * Plastic or cardboard boxes can be used to store folded items and accessories on shelves.
- * Shoe bags can be hung on a door to hold shoes.
- * Shoe bag pockets will store rolled up belts, scarves, shoe polish supplies, hangtags, or the extra buttons and yarns that come attached to garments.
- * Use a double rod hang one high and one low, to hold double the clothes.
- * A tie rack on the door holds ties, belts and scarves.
- * Luggage can be stored on hard-to-reach top shelves.
- * Decorative boxes keep out of season clothing protected.
- * Sweaters and T-shirts fold easily into wire or plastic baskets.
- * Small cubicles help to keep shoes separated.