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CLEAN SWEEP

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When it comes to the disorganized home, professional organizer Monica Friel has seen it all.

"We've seen lots of horrible messes," says Friel, owner of Chicago-based Chaos to Order. "The worst are when people actually have to create paths in their home in order to walk, because there's junk everywhere."

Just four years ago Monica Cilley had that kind of home. "You couldn't even walk in our house," Cilley recalls. Things were so bad, she says, visitors had to sit on the front porch because sitting down in the house was impossible.

So Cilley decided to turn over a new leaf.

"I woke up on New Year's Day...and said to myself, 'This is the year I'm going to get organized,'" Cilley says.

And she kept her promise.

Not only did she get organized Cilley started a website about the subject, Flylady.com. Sort of a combination inspiration/common sense approach to taking control of your house, Flylady.com gets 3,000-4,000 hits per hour.

