



COUNTERTOP ITEMS

These are just some of the things I've seen on countertops. How many of these things are currently on yours? Ask yourself, how frequently you use any item that is sitting on your counter. If it is less than daily, I suggest keeping it in a cabinet or cupboard until you need it. Both aesthetically and practically, having clear counters to prep food on is the goal.

FYI, the only things on my counters are:

- 1) Blender—I use this every morning to make a smoothie
- 2) Paper towels—these would have been hung these under the upper cabinets but my kitchen has under-cabinet lighting
- 3) A crock of utensils
- 4) A lazy susan that contains olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper

Answering Machine

Ashtray/lighter/cigarettes/pot pipe

Blender

Bread Box

Cake Plate (with or w/o domed lid)

Canister Set, or derivatives...Teas, Coffee, Sugar, etc.

CD Player

Cell Phone Charger Station

Clean dishes

Clock Radio

Coffee Maker (Drip/Espresso)

Compost container

Computer

Cookie Jar

Cutting Board

Decorative cruet(s)

Dirty dishes

Dish soap container

Egg (or other) Timer

Food Processor

Food storage containers, empty or full

Fruit Bowl/Basket/Container, including a banana hook

Hand Soap/Lotion Dispensers

iPod docking station

Knife block

Lazy Susan laden with any number of essential items

Magnifying glass

Mail, opened or unopened or ready to be mailed

Microwave

Napkin Holder

Oils and vinegars, bottled ingredients

Paper and on the counter

Paper Towel Holder – wrong on two counts...

Pet food

Plants (Living or Dead)

Postage stamps

Radio

Random Kitchen-y or Non-kitchen-y decorations

Recipe Card File

Recycling

Root Vegetable Bowl/Basket/Container

Salt & Pepper mills/shakers

Spice rack

Sponges

Spoon rest

Stand Mixer

Telephone

Things purchased & unopened, in or out of a shopping bag

Things to be returned to stores

Toaster

Trivets

TV

Utensils

Vacuum Sealer

Vitamins/Pills

Wraps, plastic bags, aluminum foil