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## A guide to organizing and concealing your cords

By Jennifer Raftis, CPO®

When did cords become so unmanageable? The answer is when modern society became dependent on electronic devices. In today’s world, we literally can’t live without them. Research shows the average person can own at least five electronic devices and if you have a household of five, you now have at least 25 cords to organize and plug in. Considering that many devices require more than one cord, the number can escalate quickly.

Every device we own needs a cord, a password and a designated place for charging. Sorry to tell you this, but you

have to manage this or you will end up with the dreaded box-o-cords!

Organizing cords is probably not your favorite pastime activity. It is not mine either, but I have a lot of experience helping my clients organize and hide cords. Let’s break this down into steps:

1. Gather, sort and purge all the cords you own;
2. Decide on a labeling system;
3. Designate a charging home for your devices;
4. Hide the mess of cords coming from the wall; and
5. Store and dispose cords.

**Gather, sort and purge** Every client I have owns a

huge box of “I don’t know what these are for but I might need it” cords. The reality is that if the item is over five years old, you have probably updated it and the old cord is no longer useful. So, what do you save and what do you send to e-waste?

I recommend going through the box of cords, pulling out the ones you can identify and labeling them. An alternate solution is to take the entire box of cords to e-waste and get on with your life. You can usually purchase a replacement cord, unless the item is so old they no longer make them (in that case, maybe it’s time to update the device).

### Decide on a labeling system

There are many types of cord labels you can purchase. It’s important to label all cords, especially the cords for devices that need to be charged frequently. I suggest using the same color of label as the cord. For example, a white label for a white cord and so on. It will be more aesthetic looking if it’s the same color. You can search “cord labels” to see all of the options. Another way to label the cords is by the type of cord such as charging cables versus audio cables, and so on. Designate a charging home Years ago, we designated a charging station and our devices are usually within arms reach. Even devices that are used less frequently, like power banks, should have a designated storage place.

### Hide the mess of cords

Cable organizers are a must! They come in various forms, such as clips, ties and sleeves. They help to bundle cords together neatly, preventing them from becoming tangled and creating a safety hazard. Velcro ties are helpful, as they can be easily adjusted and reused. Many furniture pieces come with built-in cable management solutions with hidden



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compartments which will keep the cords organized and out of sight.

### Storing and disposing of cords

After your cords are labeled, I recommend storing them with care to increase the longevity.

When you are storing cords, use the coiling system to prevent kinks and damage. Coil them into a loop, making sure it’s not too tight and tie it with a cable tie or Velcro strap.

You can purchase cord containers that keep the cords separate and protect them from dust. In some cases, using a simple drawer divider or small containers within the drawer can be a great solution.

A vertical solution is another way to store the cords. You can mount command hooks on the inside of cabinets if you don’t have room inside the drawer.

Disposing your cords properly is crucial. E-waste can contain hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury and other toxic waste. Republic Services offers free electronics pickup at its bi-annual Reuse Day or you can schedule pickup for a fee. Proper disposal prevents environmental harm, so it’s worth the effort to follow the guidelines.

The key is to keep your cords updated, grouped, labeled, stored and disposed of

in an organized way so you don’t end up with the dreaded box-o-cords.



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**Moraga Police Department:**  
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055  
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049  
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22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820  
Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan  
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[Orindatip@cityoforinda.org](mailto:Orindatip@cityoforinda.org)  
**Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 20 - Sept. 2**

Alarms	29
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	8
Traffic	69
Suspicious Circumstances	9
Suspicious Subject	15
Suspicious Vehicle	8
Service to Citizen	34
Patrol Req./Security Check	32
Public/School Assembly Check	8
Supplemental Report	17
Vacation House Check	9
Welfare Check	16
Ordinance Violation	4

**Vehicle violations**

**Auto Burglary**

3200 Block Apache Ct.	
500 Block Bavarian Ct.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
700 Block Tanglewood Ln.	
3400 Block Boyer Cir.	
4000 Block Los Arabis Dr.	
Taylor Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	

**Reckless Driving**

Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.	
Reliez Valley Rd./Hermosa Way	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Reliez Station Rd.	
Mcgraw Ln./Reliez Valley Rd.	

St Marys Rd./Acampo Dr.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Taylor Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Acalanes Rd./Eb Sr 24	
Happy Valley Rd./Deer Hill Rd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24	
Tamper With Vehicle	
3200 Block Sweet Dr.	
Tc - Fire And Amb Enroute	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
4000 Block Los Arabis Dr.	
Tc - Property Damage	
Deer Hill Rd./1St St.	
Moraga Rd./Scenic Ln.	
Acalanes Av/Pleasant Hill Rd.	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Golden Gate Way/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Vehicle Theft	
900 Block Hough Ave.	
<b>Other criminal activity</b>	
Commercial Burglary	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Fraud Credit Card	
1500 Block Silver Dell Rd.	
Misc Burglary	
3500 Block Plaza Way	
Petty Theft	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)	
Iverson Dr./Moss Ln.	
3100 Block Somerset Dr.	
1200 Block Summit Rd.	
Robbery Armed	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Shoplift	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (7)	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3200 Block Stanley Blvd.	
Warrant Service	
4000 Block Fiora Pl.	
<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	
Disturbance-domestic	
3500 Block Deer Hill Rd.	
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Loud Music	
20 Block Diablo Cir.	
Loud Noise	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Public Nuisance	
Highland Rd./Sundale Rd.	
4000 Block Marianne Dr.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Acalanes Rd./El Nido Ranch Rd.	
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Wb Sr 24	
3400 Block S Silver Springs Rd.	
Vandalism	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
800 Block Reliez Station Rd.	
3400 Block Orchard Hill Ct.	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
1200 Block Panorama Dr.	

**Other**

Fireworks	
700 Block St. Mary's Rd.	
H&S Violation	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Harassment	
900 Block S Thompson Rd.	
10 Block Moss Ln.	
3200 Block Old Tunnel Rd.	
Phone Harass	
800 Block Mountain View Dr.	
Terrorist Threats	
900 Block Dewing Ave.	
Threats	
90 Block Silverwood Dr.	
Unwanted Guest	
3600 Block Walnut St.	
200 Block Lafayette Cir.	
50 Block Lafayette Cir.	

**Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 22 - Sept. 4**

Alarms	8
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	5
Traffic	51
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subject	2
Suspicious Vehicle	6
Service to Citizen	21
Patrol Req./Security Check	21
Public/School Assembly Check	5
Supplemental Report	11
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	6
Ordinance Violation	5

**Vehicle violations**

**Accident Injury**

Corliss Dr./Moraga Rd.	
1400 Block Moraga Rd.	

**Accident Property**

Moraga Rd./School St.	
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**Excessive Speed**

Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (3)	
Rheem Blvd./Fernwood Dr.	
Moraga Rd./Campolino Dr.	
Moraga Way/Eastwood	
Mor Rd./St Marys	
Moraga Way/Coral Dr., Ori (2)	
Rhemm/Park	
St Marys College (2)	
St Marys/Morga Rd	
Moraga Way/St Andrews Dr. (4)	
Police Department	
Canyon Rd./Sanders Dr.	
Moraga Way/School St. (5)	
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.	

**Reckless Driving**

Miramonte Dr./Moraga Way	
School St./Country Club Dr.	

Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.	
Moraga Way/School St.	
300 Block Rheem Blvd.	
Moraga Rd./Via Granada	
Vehicle Theft	
100 Block Shuey Dr.	
800 Block Camino Ricardo	
<b>Other criminal activity</b>	
Fraud False Pretenses	
Police Department	
Grand Theft	
Police Department	
Identity Theft	
3800 Block Via Granada	
Petty Theft	
Osh	
Homegoods	
Petty Theft From Veh	
1900 Block St Andrews Dr.	
60 Block Corliss Dr.	
Shoplift	
400 Block Center St.	
Theft Access Card	
Rheem Theater	
<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	
Disturbance-domestic	
2000 Block Ascot Dr.	
Disturbing The Peace	
30 Block Broadmoor	
Bollinger Canyon Rd./St Marys Rd.,	
Loud Music	
300 Block Rheem Blvd.	
Canyon Rd./Country Club Dr.	
1500 Block St Marys Rd.	
Vandalism	
Moraga Commons Park	
<b>Other</b>	
Animal Cruelty	
20 Block Hour Fitness	
Fire/Ems Response Info	
900 Block Country Club Dr.	
Mentally Ill Commit	
1900 Block Ascot Dr.	
Phone Harass	
Police Department	



**Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 20 - Sept. 2**

Alarms	40
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic	60
Suspicious Circumstances	6
Suspicious Subject	8
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	48

Patrol Req./Security Check	32
Public/School Assembly Check	3
Supplemental Report	20
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	10
<b>Vehicle violations</b>	
Accident Property	
100 Block Lombardy Ln.	
Orinda Way	
Dui Misd	
100 Block Crest View Dr.	
Reckless Driving	
St Stephens Episcopal Church (2)	
St Stephens Dr./Las Vegas Rd.	
Moraga Way/Stein Way	
Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd.	
Miner Rd./Honey Hill Rd.	
Camino Pablo/Wildcat Canyon Rd.	
Glorietta Blvd./Moraga Way	
Tc - Property Damage	
Moraga Way/Orchard Rd.	
Vehicle Theft	
Wb Sr 24 At 1st St, Laf	
100 Block Las Vegas Rd.	
<b>Other criminal activity</b>	
Commercial Burglary	
80 Block Davis Rd.	
Warrant Arrest	
Brookwood Rd./Camino Pablo	
Orinda Way	
Camino Sobrante	
<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	
Loud Music	
Valley View Dr./Woodland Rd.	
Loud Noise	
200 Block Lomas Cantadas	
Loud Party	
10 Block Dias Dorados Rd.	
Public Nuisance	
Camino Sobrante	
Vandalism	
Camino Pablo	
<b>Other</b>	
Failure To Obey	
Camino Pablo	
Loma Vista Dr./El Toyonal	
Area Check	
Forgery	
200 Block Sundown Terrace	
Police Department	
H&S/Pos Paraphenalia	
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way	
Litter	
Camino Pablo	
Loitering	
20 Block Orinda Way	
Mentally Ill Commit	
10 Block Rabble Rd.	
Threats	
500 Block Miner Rd.	
Transient Contact	
Moraga Way	
Trespass	
Orindawoods Dr./Kite Hill Rd.	
El Ribero/Camino Sobrante	