

The drive to the cottage can feel so long, and the moments enjoying it can feel so short. If only you could maximize your time by replacing what you have to do with what you want to do.

“Your time is precious,” says Julie Medley, owner of My Organizer in Muskoka, a personal organization, home staging and concierge service. “You shouldn’t feel guilty about wanting to make the most of your time with your friends and family.”

**Free up time at the cottage**  
That’s why Julie suggests having a personal concierge assist you with the items on your to-do list, leaving you with more time and energy for the things that matter most.

“You are here to relax with your friends and family,” says Julie.

# Need a hand?

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## Concierge services simplify your cottage experience

A personal concierge can do the grocery shopping, make arrangements for work done on your cottage, supervise your cottage while the work is being done, help you prepare for weekend guests, or any number of other tasks.

“A lot of people think a concierge is an unaffordable luxury,” says

Julie. “In reality, concierge services can be as little or elaborate as you need them to be.”

Many individuals know what area of assistance is needed, while others know they need help but don’t know where to start. For that reason, Julie offers each client a free one-hour consultation.

“I walk with the client from room to room, attic to basement to look at what may need assistance,” says Julie. “From cleaning, to organization, to a better layout of furniture to simply an extra hand to get preparations complete for guest arrival – we

can determine what is needed by walking the space and looking honestly at their living space and lifestyle.”

### Free your mind while away from cottage

Concierge services can be a great asset, even when you’re away for the fall and winter months.

Many insurance policies require seasonal properties to be checked on every few weeks to months. Instead of making the trek up to the cottage in the winter, a concierge can stop into your property to ensure no damage has been done.

“It’s a huge money and time saver,” says Julie. “And it offers our cottage owners the peace of mind that their property is being taken care of.” **DS**

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