

solutions



Q Yikes! I went over my cell phone plan's monthly minutes again. How to keep track of the time?

A Type your carrier's number with symbols, below, into your cell phone keypad — and receive a text message that will state the minutes you've already used. Subtract that from your plan's total allotment to come up with free time left.

T-Mobile #646#
AT&T *646#

Verizon #646
Sprint *4

Take cover under a product built to last.

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Got a clever solution? Please share it! Got a pesky problem? We can help solve it! Log on to quickandsimple.com/solutions, where you'll also find a lot more tips to make life easier!

Q Have a swift strategy to prevent plant clippings from clogging my pruning shears?

A Before snipping, spray shears with nonstick cooking spray! When finished, just rinse with water from a hose!



Q I'm running out of room in my tiny pantry! Help me find extra storage space!

A Don't ignore the pantry door! Here's yet another great use for a shoe organizer: Affix one with clear or mesh pockets to the door, then fill with boxes, cans, spices and more.

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