

# TOYBOX



## Managing Morning Chaos

Let it Go!

**Goal:** Mornings can be stressful. Remember that missing some elements of your morning routine is okay. Create an evening routine that saves time and prepares you for the next day.

**[Tip]:** Prepare for the next day as a family by getting backpacks ready, setting the table for breakfast, and writing reminders the evening before.

**[Video Tip]:** [https://youtu.be/I3oamWXX8gs?list=PL\\_WI\\_kJLxfcpfl-Aan92\\_eHpaydzM0q3C](https://youtu.be/I3oamWXX8gs?list=PL_WI_kJLxfcpfl-Aan92_eHpaydzM0q3C)

**Why is this important?** Guilt causes stress. Forgiving yourself when things do not go as you had hoped is better than feeling guilty. Reducing stress levels can also improve your relationships and help you deal with time management under pressure.

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