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A hoarder is a person who keeps a large amount of different items without organizing. A collector is the opposite and keeps items organized and most of the time 1 type of items.

Hoarding blocks functionality, because all the items they keep at home block their way. Like if they want to cook, they can’t go to the kitchen because their house is full of stuff. Hoarding is linked to anxiety to lose the items they have got. To treat these people, they need medication for anxiety, talk to a therapist, and do a lot of cleaning.

The outsiders pretty much can’t do much to help the hoarders. PET teams can help hoards out, but this usually takes a lot of time because the hoarders have a huge amount of items in their house that can’t be cleaned in a couple of days.