

Steps to Organize the Garage

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July is a great month to clear out the clutter that collects around the home throughout the busy school year.

Here are some steps to get the garage in order.

1. Plan the new and improved space! Get everyone's input in the planning process. One person may want their tools in the garage instead of the shed, another person may want the bikes nearby because they use them often. Include in the planning process, different stations that are needed in the garage, like tools, car care, kids toys, trash/recycling/donate center, party supplies, holiday decorations, etc...
2. Decide how much stuff needs to be taken out to make it functional - 20%, 40%, or 60%.
3. Purge old and unused items from the space. Be sure to have everyone in your house participate in this process. This will prevent hurt feelings if someone throws away something that another person values.
4. Clear the space and take action! Post signs for each station on the garage wall and begin to sort each item into the determined stations. Get everyone involved. Explain to them the importance of putting things in their place. Now that the stations are established, there is no excuse for not putting the items away.
5. Measure the pile of 'like' stuff and determine how large a container or cabinet you need to store the items.
6. Purchase or repurpose storage bins and cabinets to hold the items. Then, finish by putting away the items in the assigned location.

The garage is an area that constantly gets overlooked because it is not a place you 'live' in. On the contrary, it is an area that needs the most attention because it is the first space you see when entering the home — it sets the mode for the home.

Have a wonderful month!

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Have many plastic membership cards and credit cards and are afraid to lose them? Make a list of all your cards in your wallet and elsewhere. Be sure to include the contact phone number, account numbers, expiration date, etc... Hide the list in a safe place. Update it at least once a year. If you lose it, you can pull the list and call the appropriate numbers to inform them of the issue as soon as possible.

Monthly Quote

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