

Quick and Easy Garage Organization

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Getting organized does not have to be an impossible task. With a little dedicated time, planning and some simple methods you can get and keep your garage organized.

Plan ahead. Be sure to set enough time aside to allow you to get the job done correctly.

1) Sort & purge – create 2 separate piles. One for items you will keep and the other for items that need to go.

2) Decide the best way to store or contain the remaining items. This may be bins, shelving, cabinets or peg boards.

- Clear bins or containers work best because you can see what you're storing.
- Shelving units with wheels are great because you can move them where needed and they are easy to pull out for cleaning.
- Be sure to select shelving units with wide adjustable shelves. This way you will have enough room to store large bins and items of varying sizes.
- Be sure to label all bins

3) Sort the items you are keeping into different categories. See example categories below.

- Sports equipment
- Seasonal clothes
- Surplus beverages or dry goods
- Tools
- Household equipment
- Lawn or garden tools
- Toxic chemicals

4) Once you have all of your categories sorted you can begin to put all your items away into different zones. You would have a separate zone for each of your categories.

- Use the clear bins to store loose items like sports equipment such as balls, mitts, etc.
- Use peg boards to store hand tools, power tools, brooms, and garden tools.
- Be sure to keep toxins locked away where children can't gain access to them.
- Be sure to keep dry goods and toxic chemicals in completely separate zones.
- Do not store propane tanks inside of your garage. If the tank leaks it only takes a spark of static electricity to create an explosion.