

Organizing Café:

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Where else but in America do we store \$30,000 cars in the driveway and store \$300 of junk in the garage?

Time to Organize the Garage

I had the privilege of helping a client with organizing her garage after a recent move. It was great because we set it up before inertia set in and the boxes grew roots. The fall is a great time to take organize the garage because the weather will start to turn a bit cooler, and it's easy to figure out what toys & tools didn't get used this past season. It's also a great time to make room for the car before winter weather hits. I hope these hints & tips can help you get motivated to make your spouse, your car, or maybe just yourself smile in an organized garage.

Make Room for Fun

1. Consider what you need your garage to do for you, and even ask your family. Often, kid safety & toy access is paramount. Do a little planning on the kitchen table before you take it outside.
2. Look at all of your storage needs, and mix and match your storage system for your needs. In this project we used a mix of mudroom furniture, wall channels with hooks, wall-hung shelving, individual oversized hooks, storage bins and furniture with drawers. Use what you already have first, but then use multiple sources to find the right best storage solutions.
3. Since garages seem to attract dirt, it helps to keep as much off the floor as possible. A quick sweep a few times a year instead of a week-long chore keeps the place tidy.
4. If you use colored bins, be sure to label what's inside. I can't count the number of times that I've heard, "I buy new paper towel because I can never find the ones I already own."
5. If the garage is attached to your home, chances are you start and end your day by going through it. A few decorative touches can make it just as charming as the inside.

Simple Tip: Store skinny items like fishing poles and molding scraps in space just above garage doors.

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