

Garage organization 101: utilize the space for more than just parking the car

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Garages are coveted by homeowners across the country, offering a space to park a car and protect it from the elements. But many people do not park a car in their garage, only to find the garage has become a home to clutter.

Garages tend to become the official catch-all of a home. When an item cannot be crammed into a hiding space elsewhere, it often ends up dumped into the garage, where it joins the long list of other abandoned items. It can be easy to let garages become a wasteland because everything put inside a garage is behind a closed door. That mess can quickly build up, and reclaiming the garage requires energy, time, organization and a plan.

Organizing a garage will take some time. An entire weekend or two consecutive days may be necessary depending on the level of disarray. Taking everything out of the garage and going through the sorting process may take the most time.

When sorting, separate any broken items, which can immediately be put at the curb for trash pickup. Examine things that have not been used in some time. If it hasn't been missed, there's a good chance that the item can be discarded or donated. Create separate piles for donations and trash.

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