

CONTEST CORNER



What Does Your Garage Say About You?

(NAPSA)—Where can you find medical equipment, an airplane, a coffin and an alligator? While it may sound like the premise for a bad joke or a new reality television show, according to a national study done by Impulse Research, you may just find these things in your or your neighbor's garage.

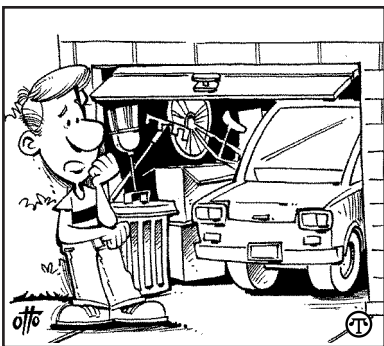
The Packrat Syndrome

The survey found that 95 percent of Americans use their garage for storage. How organized is your garage? Seventy percent of respondents said they consider how organized your garage is to be a reflection of how organized *you* are—and more than one out of four Americans (27 percent) would be embarrassed if someone got a peek at the inside of their garages.

If you're like most Americans, you probably wish your garage were in better shape. According to the survey, more than half of all Americans want their garages to be more organized, cleaner and more attractive. In fact, 76 percent think their garage needs a good cleaning right now.

A Small Step Towards Big Results

For those looking to clean up the garage, products such as Rust-Oleum® EPOXYShield® Garage Floor Coating can provide an easy way to protect garages and make them more attractive. EPOXYShield is a high-performance coating that creates a professional, showroom quality finish for garage floors. The coating is a water-based epoxy that's low odor and environmentally friendly, and just one easy-to-apply coat creates a great-looking, long-lasting surface. It can cost up to \$1,200 to hire a professional to finish a concrete garage floor, but you can achieve the same profes-



A new contest gives people with messy garages a chance to clean up.

sional results for under \$70.

More Winning Results

If your garage could benefit from a new look, Rust-Oleum and The Home Depot® want to hear from you. "America's Messiest Garage" contest calls for those with garages that could use a fix-up (and face it, that's most of us) to take a picture of their garages and describe why it needs a makeover. The "Messiest" winner will receive a \$5,000 garage makeover, and 25 runners-up will receive free kits of EPOXYShield Garage Floor Coating.

For more information on the contest, official rules, or to enter online, visit epoxyshield.com. To enter by mail, include your first and last name, date of birth, address (including zip code), telephone number, color photograph of your garage and a description in 100 words or less of your garage and why it needs a makeover. Mail entry in a stamped envelope to: Garage Makeover Contest, 200 E. Randolph Dr., 63rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60601. Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, August 31, 2002.