

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Tips On Getting More Use Out Of Your Garage

(NAPSA)—A growing number of homeowners are finding they can save money and get more from their home by reorganizing and remodeling their garage.

It's estimated there are more than 70 million garages (2007 Garage and Storage Shed Trends) in the United States and some say the average two-car garage has never been larger. Yet, due to the overflow of storage, few homeowners ever get to take full advantage of all the space it has to offer. Fortunately, there may be a way to change all that.

### Turning a garage into a room

Many homeowners are starting to view their garage as yet another area of a home that, if properly organized, can become another fully functional and spacious room of the home.

"By reclaiming the garage and making it a functional part of the home, families can get more entertainment and storage space than they've realized," said Mario D'Ovidio, general manager, Gladiator GarageWorks. "Make the garage work for you. When everything has its place, you may just need a quick sweep of the broom to get the space in tip-top shape to host a tailgate party or a happy hour."

### Space and convenience

Start by looking at your garage and determining how it's used and where the entry points are in the space. Then determine what areas should be created and where they should be located to maximize space and convenience.



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For instance, creating a recycling area near the entry door to the house limits the need to trek across the garage when tossing in those newspapers and aluminum cans.

### Think dual purpose

Another way to save is to invest in pieces that are modular —items that can serve a dual purpose. For example, one such item is the Gladiator GarageWorks Bamboo Modular Workbench. The workbench, which is made of sustainable materials, was originally conceived as a workspace for garage hobbyists. However, the sturdy, natural work surface can also work as a buffet table, bar or kids' crafting station.

The company offers a full line of workbenches, cabinets, wall systems and components, such as shelves, baskets, bins and hooks, designed to help homeowners get more from their space.

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