

# Spring Thing

## There's More To Organizing The Garage Than Tossing Out The Trash



(NAPSA)—It's time to organize the garage, the most common place for miscellaneous items to be dumped. With a little work this can become the most versatile, useful storage area of your home. These tips can help you turn your garage from dump to dazzle in nearly no time.

**Out with the Old**—According to a recent Home and Garden survey, 64 percent of people are guilty of holding on to items past their prime. If you haven't used an item in more than a year or your children have outgrown their toys, it's time to get rid of them. Open the garage door and haul things out to the curb. Salvageable items can be sold in a garage sale or donated to charity.

**Stow the Stuff**—Next, organize the stuff that's left. Free up floor space by moving items onto the walls for easy accessibility. Wall organization units offer storage space on the wall and don't have to be a hefty investment. For example, Gladiator™ GarageWorks by Whirlpool Corporation, offers a starter kit called GearTrack™ Pack. It comes

with hooks and bins for an inexpensive and convenient way to hang and stow sporting equipment, tools and toys.

**Get Creative**—Sprucing up your garage has never been easier with a modular workbench. Great for the planting season or arts and crafts, it offers plenty of room for pots, soil and tools. Another solution to storing planting items is a Modular GearDrawer. With its original tread plate design and multiple drawers, it's a great place to keep items easily accessible and organized.

**Safety Sense**—According to the Home Safety Council, home accidents account for 21 million medical visits a year, most of which can be prevented by making simple household improvements. Store paint cans, chemicals and items that have sharp edges high up behind closed doors. Slip resistant, roll flooring also helps to prevent accidents and keeps the garage safer and cleaner.

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