

DO-IT-YOURSELF CORNER

Preparation Is The Key To DIY Success

(NAPSA)—From smaller fixes around the house to grand-scale projects, everyone has a little “do it yourself” inspiration in them.

That’s the word from experts who say the keys to success and safety—no matter the project—are to have an organized storage and work space and to properly maintain your tools.

Getting Project Ready

Your house and yard aren’t the only places that should undergo an annual spring-cleaning. Your garage or shed should also be on your list for cleanup. There are several reasons to take the time to organize.

- Spend less and avoid duplicate materials and items by knowing what you already have on hand.
- Save time because you’ll be able to find what you need faster.
- Make the most out of the space you have.

A good way to start is by taking inventory of what you have, separating products from tools.

Items that get the most use—such as shovels, brooms and rakes—should be placed in an easily accessible location. Extension cords and hoses should be coiled and stored out of the way. Place smaller tools like hammers, drills and other hand tools within reach.

Look for broken or leaking bottles or containers that may have expanded or broken during the cold winter months. Inspect your lawn equipment and consider the condition of the belts and hoses. Do the blades need to be sharpened or replaced? Do fluids such



Inspect and clean your lawn equipment before using it for the season.

as oil and gasoline need to be replaced with fresh?

Check Your Products

If your work space is not heated, some products could freeze and the contents could separate, making them less effective. Do you have creaking doors or stuck windows or bolts? One item every do-it-yourselfer needs is an all-purpose spray lube. You may have one on the shelf, but is it actually a water dispersant and not a lubricant?

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