

Holiday Decorating Tips

Deck the Garage for the Holidays

(NAPSA)—One of the home's untapped areas could provide a terrific solution to the inevitable crowds and clutter that can come in with the holidays. Home organization experts offer these tips to use your garage to create a calm retreat.

• Do It When Decorating.

Pulling out the holiday decorations can create a great time to get the garage in order. The act of digging through items accumulated over the past 12 months for holiday lights might be just the push needed to get organized. Better yet, since it's the season of giving, this is a great opportunity to donate unwanted items to charity.

• **Look Up.** You may not find flying reindeer but you'll find new storage opportunities. Think vertical when storing items for maximum space. Several manufacturers offer products to create storage space on the walls. Using these products along with hooks, baskets and bins that hang off the wall, holiday decorations can easily be stored off your garage floor space. This also frees up areas to store unwrapped holiday gifts such as bikes, tools and toys.

• **Chill Out When Finding Extra Food Storage.** Holiday entertaining can push the limits of the kitchen refrigerator and freezer with party platters, holiday treats and drinks. A great solution is adding a refrigerator to your garage. Groceries go from the car to proper storage in a snap. Perhaps best of all, Whirlpool Corpo-



Homeowners can create an organized oasis in some surprising places.

ration's Gladiator GarageWorks has introduced garage-specific appliances, such as the Freezerator Convertible Refrigerator/Freezer and Chillerator Garage Refrigerator, that can stand up to the extreme temperatures and conditions of the garage environment.

• **Create Your Own Holiday Helper.** Encountering counter space issues when holiday entertaining? Transform your garage to be the perfect party prep area. Look for modular products so you can create working areas to fit your needs. For example, Gladiator GarageWorks' GearBoxes are set on wheels to provide maximum flexibility to accommodate party decorations or serve as additional space to hold holiday party refreshments. When the party is over, party supplies can be stowed in storage cabinets and the cabinets can be docked under the workbench.

For more ways to maximize your garage during the holidays, visit www.GladiatorGW.com or call (866) 342-4089.