

Ten Easy Steps To Organizing The Garage In Hours, Not Days

Rubbermaid Home Organization Experts Offer Tips For Tackling the Garage

(NAPSA)—Has organizing the garage been on your to do list since the day you moved in? And, oh, by the way, is there any room left for your car?

Getting the garage into shape may seem like a daunting task that could ruin a perfectly good weekend. With the advice of the home organization experts from Rubbermaid® you can get the job done in hours instead of days.

Step One: Before you start, create a plan. Make a diagram of the garage floor plan and decide how you are going to group items together.

Step Two: Take a trip to the local home center or discount retailer to purchase storage items such as shelving, utility cabinets, sheds, hooks and other supplies needed to build storage. To review a list of essential garage organization items and other helpful tips visit www.survivethegarage.com.

Step Three: Recruit friends. Bribe them with pizza and cold drinks if necessary. Nobody should have to clean the garage alone!

Step Four: Start with a clean slate. If you have the time and the space, we recommend moving everything out of the garage and starting the project with a completely empty garage.

Step Five: When the garage is empty, give it a thorough sweep and then rinse it out with a powerful garden hose.



Step Six: Install storage equipment. Place shelves, hooks, pegboard and cabinets in the areas you identified while creating your plan.

Step Seven: Start sorting. Decide which items are keepers and which are ready for the trash. It's very important to sort before you start putting things away. This will save time and energy in the end.

Step Eight: Throw away the junk. Don't get sentimental about it—if it's junk, it's junk.

Step Nine: Put items where they belong. If you have the right kind of storage equipment, there should be a place for everything. Continuing to put items back where they belong should help keep your garage organized year-round.

Step Ten: Put the car in the garage. This may be a new experience for some homeowners, so be careful.