

Consumer Corner

Shelves Are What's In Store For Storage Seekers

(NAPSA)—Linens closets, a walk-in pantry, built-in wall units—millions of Americans are seeking effective ways to get organized. According to the National Association of Home Builders, potential homebuyers consistently rank storage—and the need for a lot of it—as a chief priority when it comes to selecting a new home. Fortunately, packing up and moving isn't the only answer for those looking for a little order.

New shelving is a terrific solution, adding storage space to cramped utility and laundry rooms, closets, basements, attics and garages, or as a decorative element in living areas. Finished shelves can help you get, and stay, organized in many ways:

- In utility or laundry rooms, shelving can add space for cleaning and laundry supplies that need to be kept out of kids' reach;
- Add shelves to stack and organize clothing in closets;
- In the basement and garage, use shelves to organize tools, paint cans, gardening supplies and automotive products;
- Add shelves to living areas such as bedrooms and dens to display books, CDs and collections;
- Install shelves in attics and basements to keep holiday decorations and seasonal clothing organized; and
- Organize the home office by adding shelving above desks and computers.

WOODSTALK Finished Shelving—made by Dow BioProducts from environmentally friendly wheat-straw fiber and a durable, water-resistant resin—weighs 10 to 20 percent less than similar wood products, but has comparable strength and durability. The easy-to-install shelving has a gently rounded front edge and can be supported by a variety of brackets available at home improvement



Shelving made from environmentally friendly fibers can be a great way to increase storage and organization in the home.

centers and hardware stores. A variety of shelving depths and lengths are available and the heights are adjustable to accommodate storage of various-sized items.

The panels are made from wheat-straw fiber, an annually renewable agrifiber, and its resin contains no formaldehyde and releases significantly less volatile organic compounds into the atmosphere than most shelving made from wood composites.

The most popular shelving color this season is white, which can be installed "as is" or easily customized to match the décor of your home. For a shelf that you can customize, paint and repair, look for a painted shelf instead of a melamine/PVC-laminated shelf. Painted WOODSTALK shelving can be easily sanded and repainted, and is available in white and maple. All surfaces are durable and provide a smooth, splinter-free surface for finishing.

The finished shelving is now available in Home Depot and Menard's stores nationwide. For more information or installation instructions, visit the Web site at www.dow-bioproducts.com or call 1-800-441-4DOW.