

Garage Checklist

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Storing

- Use waterproof plastic containers to store items in your garage.
- Make sure poisonous materials are stored in high shelving or in locked cabinets.
- Store any flammable materials, such as gasoline, away from any heat sources.
- Store tools in low traffic areas.
- Use sturdy hooks to hang equipment like bikes.
- Keep your tools well-sharpened and clean so that they are easy to use.
- Make sure the route in the garage to travel in and out is clear of tools and other equipment.

Cleaning

- Create three categories: keep, donate, and toss and assign each item to a category.
- Contact local charities and arrange for a pickup of items to be donated.
- Sort and label the items you're keeping.
- Consider installing metal shelving.
- Regularly clean your garage.
- Make sure that the floor and other surfaces are clear of debris.
- Clean it up immediately any spilled chemicals.

Safety

- Floor should be free of liquids or materials that may present a slipping hazard.
- Garage should be clear of cardboard, paper or sawdust that might become a fire hazard.
- Make sure there is a functioning fire extinguisher at hand.
- Avoid idling your car or using a grill inside your garage.
- Make sure your garage doors have safety mechanisms in place.
- Instal a sensor that will reverse the direction of the door if any object is underneath the garage door.
- The exit pathways should be clear and easily reached.