

## Your Garage

Are garages really meant to just store cars!!! These days the garage is more of a workroom. Sports equipment, hobby equipment and tools are all stored here. If you are like most of us, this will be the messiest room in the house! It can be the room where all the extra bits and pieces end up in a higgeldy piggeldy mess!

With a little bit of organization, and an overhead storage rack or two, your garage does not have to be that way! It can be a clean tidy and inviting room that you just cannot wait to go into.



### Declutter

To transform your garage, first have a de-clutter weekend. Go through everything and toss out what you are not using. Once done you may be able to have a garage sale, and raise some money to buy some shelving and storage!

Draw up a plan of how you would like your garage to look before you buy any storage shelves, cabinets, overhead storage racks, kayak storage hoists and or cable lifts. There is so much equipment to choose from!

### Creating a Tidy Garage

Take the following tips into consideration:

- Keep everything in it's place.
- Your walls are a great means of storage.
- Use a slat wall or a pegboard wall to hang smaller items.
- An old chest of drawers can be a workbench.
- Overhead storage racks can be used to store bikes vertically or from the ceiling.
- Save space with a fold up work table.



- Recycle old plastic containers and use them to store your screws and nails in.
- PVC Pipe can be cut up and will store tools.
- Cable lifts and kayak storage hoists are terrific for storing bikes, canoes, kayaks and large items.
- A pallet can be placed upright to store tools such as garden equipment. A wire basket mounted to the wall can be used to store balls, toys and sports equipment.
- Fishing rods can be hung from a ceiling rack. Shoe organizers are cheap and are a great device for storing spray-paint, and other small items.
- Shelving is cheaply purchased at the local hardware store.
- A magnetic strip can hold your tools and paintbrushes.
- Plastic storage containers can store all of your smaller bits and pieces. Label them with a nice neat label maker.
- Keep items that are used for the same purpose together. For example all of your sports equipment.
- Put the most accessed items in the easiest to reach places.
- Place the items that are seldom used in the more out of the way areas.
- Buy a large locked cabinet for storing chemicals and dangerous items out of reach of children.
- Shelves are neater and easier than cabinets with doors. Cabinets hide stuff and so can become messy quickly. Shelves also keep items off the floor.
- Keep everything off the floor as much as possible. Paint the floor a modern color and keep everything raised off it so that you can clean under it.

## Wall and Ceiling Mounted Racks

### *Cable Lifted Storage Racks*

#### **Pros**

Your ceiling is possibly just wasted space at the moment. With a cable lifted storage rack your large and heavy items such as bicycles, surfboards, kayaks, lawn mowers, canoes and even ladders can be stored off the floor, giving you more space as well as easy access to your equipment. Cable lifted storage racks are racks attached to the ceiling by a cable. A kayak storage hoist is a huge space saver as kayaks are not used all the time. These racks are durable and will suit all ceilings. The extra space on the floor makes your garage safer.



#### **Cons**

You will have extra space in your garage. If you are an untidy person you may fill this space with more clutter! Another disadvantage is that some cable lifts are difficult to install and will have to purchase the cable lifted storage racks.

#### **Conclusion**

Cable lifted storage racks are an ideal solution for tidying up your garage and storing your large and heavy items. It is well worth the small purchase price and the time spent installing the racks. Your garage will be safer and much more pleasant to work in as a result.

### *Mounted Racks*

#### **Pros**

Mounted racks can be hung from any wall. Mounted racks are perfect for all types of items such as bikes, kayaks and canoes, tools and gardening equipment. They free up space on your garage floor.

#### **Cons**

Mounted racks must be purchased and installed. They are not ideal for really heavy equipment.

#### **Conclusion**

Mounted racks are recommended for medium-heavy items such as bicycles and for tools. Items are generally easier to reach on a mounted rack than a ceiling rack. Your tools and equipment that are used more frequently are best suited to mounted racks.



## **Your New Garage**

Can you see your nice neat organized garage now?! Can you just not wait to get started? Life is so much simpler when everything is in order, and at your fingertips when you need it! And you will have so much more free time now that you are not spending all day looking for things. Happy organizing!

