

Garage Organization Checklist

A zone-based plan to declutter and organize your garage from floor to ceiling.

Empty and Assess

- ☐ Pick a clear, dry day and move everything onto the driveway
- ☐ Sweep the floor and knock down cobwebs and dust
- ☐ Sort all items into keep, donate, sell, and toss piles
- ☐ Dispose of old paint, chemicals, and batteries at a drop-off site
Never put hazardous waste in regular trash.
- ☐ Sketch a simple floor plan marking each planned zone

Create Functional Zones

- ☐ Map a tools zone near the workbench or main wall
- ☐ Set up a lawn and garden zone for soil, pots, and yard tools
- ☐ Assign an automotive zone for oil, fluids, and car care
- ☐ Group sports and recreation gear in one accessible spot
- ☐ Reserve a corner for seasonal and bulk storage
Keep current-season gear at the front.

Install Wall Storage

- ☐ Mount a pegboard or slat wall for frequently used hand tools
- ☐ Add wall hooks for rakes, brooms, and ladders
- ☐ Hang bikes on wall brackets to clear the floor
- ☐ Install adjustable shelving along an unused wall
- ☐ Outline tool shapes on the pegboard so each has a home

Add Overhead and Shelf Storage

- ☐ Install ceiling-mounted racks for light, bulky items
- ☐ Store seasonal decorations in labeled overhead bins
- ☐ Keep heavy items on low shelves and light items up high
This prevents tipping and strain when lifting.
- ☐ Use clear bins so contents are visible at a glance
- ☐ Leave overhead clearance clear of the garage door track

Manage Tools and Seasonal Gear

- ☐ Sort hardware into labeled drawers or stackable bins
- ☐ Store power tools in cases or on a dedicated shelf
- ☐ Coil and hang extension cords and hoses on reels
- ☐ Rotate winter and summer gear to the front by season
- ☐ Label every bin clearly on more than one side

Safety and Maintenance

- ☐ Keep a fire extinguisher mounted in an easy-to-reach spot
- ☐ Store flammable liquids in a ventilated, locked cabinet
- ☐ Keep walkways clear and the floor free of trip hazards
- ☐ Install adequate lighting over work and storage areas



Schedule a seasonal reset to maintain your zones

Fifteen minutes each season prevents big cleanouts.