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PODS offers 6 Tips for an Organized Garage

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As life progresses, we tend to acquire items of all shapes and sizes. Often, when items have outlasted their usefulness, they are placed in the garage. The garage can be an amazing resource for the home, but a messy garage can cause frustration and can even be dangerous.

The idea of cleaning out the garage may be unpleasant, but now is the perfect time to clear out the clutter in preparation of warmer weather and summer fun—a time when surfboards, swim gear and camping equipment are put to use!

Throughout the year, it is easy to allow items to accumulate in the garage. Organizing a garage can be done in stages. Consider these helpful hints:

1. Make a plan to reduce the number of items stored in the garage. Divide the garage into zones: Storage Zone, Charity Zone, Garage Sale Zone and Trash Zone. Relocate zoned items to a PODS storage unit while the garage declutter is in progress.
2. Never store gasoline-powered equipment, petroleum products, flammable gasses, paint, fertilizer, pesticides or cleaning chemicals in the home.
3. Work at your own pace. The garage did not become cluttered in one day; do not expect reorganization to take place in one day, either.
4. Consider using garage organization systems to organize tools, sporting equipment, lawn and gardening tools. Everything should have a place.
5. Once the garage is organized, maintaining it should be a family affair. Set some ground rules, such as keeping the parking area free from clutter and putting tools and sporting equipment back in its place.
6. A garage that is free from clutter offers a setting for weekend or school projects with the kids and an opportunity to bond with family and friends.

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