



project of the month

THE NEGLECTED SPRING CLEANING PROJECT

A garage with a place for everything & everything in its place



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Of course, we've all been diligent and done our spring cleaning this year. That deep clean and purge of the old, unused items we no longer need makes us feel accomplished and able to relax. But where did all those items go? Are they sitting in your garage waiting to be taken to the donation box? Or will they sit until next year?

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Hopefully, you've now been inspired to load up those boxes to take to Goodwill (no judgment if they sit in your car for a week), but maybe your garage needs a deep clean, too? Maybe even a makeover.

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A garage may not cross your mind as a space to renovate, but remodeling will freshen up any space. The garage of this Bridle Trails home was not suited for the current homeowner. At the request of this BT resident, Sean Gallagher of Gallagher Construction executed a remodel to create a more practical layout and revive some of the original finishes. The remodel included removing an existing

commode and converting the water closet to a mechanical room, new garage doors, a coat of epoxy over the floor, installing dry-wall throughout the interior (covering the exposed studs), a fresh coat of paint and an improved electrical plan.

Once the remodel was complete, the homeowner had a fresh space to store and organize their belongings. Here are some helpful hints to organize a garage from Sean:

- Keep seasonal things together and shift them around as the seasons change (summer picnic items and toys grouped together that can rotate through with winter snow gear and holiday decorations, etc.).
- Group like with like, using logic as much as possible. (For example, paint for the first floor is stored on the lower shelf, second-floor paint on shelf above, etc.)
- Store things that look cluttered behind closed doors or in opaque bins
- Label like your life depends on it; this will make it easier to find what you need!
- Embrace open space as being as essential as space that is filled. It gives you room to grow as your needs shift.