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Raising the Value of your Home Through Garage Organization

If you plan to sell a home, there is an often-overlooked part of the house you don't want to forget about: the garage. Most of us probably have a garage that's filled with holiday decorations, tools, bikes, a washer and dryer, and if we're lucky, maybe room for a car. While this may be the reality of day-to-day living, it's not how you want to present your home when putting it on the market. Here's some tips to ensure that your garage is an asset that adds to the value and appeal of your home when selling.

Declutter

The first thing you need to do to maximize the appeal of the garage is decluttering. Consider having a yard sale or donating any items that you don't use anymore. Renting a storage unit is another option if the garage space has been primarily used for storage and you need to clear space without getting rid of anything.

For the things you do keep in the garage, make sure they're organized and displayed nicely. Peg boards for tools, [overhead storage racks](#), and [bike racks](#) are all good storage solutions for common garage items that can be easily stowed away without being unsightly. Even if you don't park a car in the garage, it's important that there's room for one when showing a home.

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Flooring

Flooring is one of the easiest ways to improve the look of a garage. If you have basic concrete flooring, you might consider upgrading to some affordable tiles or an epoxy floor covering. If you choose tiles, make sure you find something that will be easy to clean since leaks and spills can happen. If you currently have any oil stains on the garage floor, make sure to get them cleaned up before any showing or open house. If you plan to refinish the garage floor, any oil stains will need to be taken care of first

Lighting

Giving the garage a fresh look and extra appeal doesn't do much if it's not well lit enough to be shown off. Many garages have a single overhead light that's often



dim or doesn't reach all areas of the space. Sometimes one additional light source is all it takes to get rid of the "storage dungeon" feel that many garages have. If you're going to feature the garage as an extension of the home, the light should reach all corners of the space.

The Door

While it's easy to focus on the inside of the garage when selling a home, don't forget about the garage door. Of course, it should be in good working order, but it should also be up to par with the paint and trim of the house from the outside. The garage door is often a prominent piece of the curb facing side of the house and you don't want it to look shoddy in comparison to the rest of the property.

This post was contributed by Sam Bird-Robinson, a real estate agent based out of Santa Cruz, California. Want to know more about how to best market a home for sale in Santa Cruz? [Click here](#) to learn about the marketing strategies and approaches that will help you get the best price for your home.

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How can I declutter my garage before selling my home?

Start by sorting through your items to determine what to keep, donate, or discard. Consider holding a yard sale or renting a storage unit to clear space while keeping essential items organized. Use peg boards, overhead racks, and bike racks to neatly store remaining items.

What flooring options can improve my garage's appearance?

Upgrading to tiles or epoxy floor coverings can enhance the look of your garage. Ensure the flooring is easy to clean and address any oil stains before showings. Clean or refinish the floor to create a polished look.

How can I improve lighting in my garage for showings?

Replace dim or inadequate overhead lighting with additional light sources to brighten the space. Ensure all corners of the garage are well-lit to eliminate the "storage dungeon" feel and make the area more inviting.

What should I do about the garage door when selling my home?

Ensure the garage door is in good working order and matches the house's exterior paint and trim. The garage door should look well-maintained and complement the curb appeal of the property to attract potential buyers.

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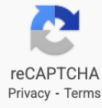
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