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# *Squared Away Today*



Happy March! March 20th is the first day of Spring. Finally, the weather will be warming up, causing us to think more about getting outside and being more social. This may have some of you thinking about decluttering and if you have a move on your horizon, downsizing. This will allow you to spend more time having fun when the great weather is here. Now is the perfect time to work on tidying garages, making room to access all the items used in warm weather (bikes, coolers, etc.) or just a time to get rid of items which are in disrepair or we no longer need. Let's focus on **PURGING**. What do we have that no longer serves us? Kids bikes/toys the've outgrown? The cooler we don't use because we've gotten a better one? Read on for tips, tricks and inspiration to get your home "Squared Away Today"!

Steph  
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*"Clutter is nothing more than postponed decisions." – Barbara Hemphill*



## Client Spotlight...

~Traci Porterfield

My experience with Steph and Squared Away Today was a complete game changer! I called Steph when I was extremely frustrated with the clutter and disorganization of my garage from hell! I had no idea where to begin. I've always been embarrassed about my two-car garage that only held one car because of the amount of junk I had in there. She guided me through the process from start to finish and the results were a night and day difference I didn't even know was possible. As the transformation unfolds before your eyes, you realize how much better you feel about not only your surroundings but also yourself. Something insurmountable becomes do-able with a professional helping you step by step. I never knew I could be this organized!! I'm so proud of my newly organized space! Sometimes you don't even know how much you actually need something or how your life can change because of it. Investing in professional help was one of the best decisions of my life.

## 5 QUICK TIPS

### Things you can do **RIGHT NOW** to **PURGE** your Garage!!

#### **Break it down into SMALL, MANAGEABLE parts.**

Set small, attainable goals like below. What area looks the worst? Is easiest to do? Is bugging you the most? *Start with that!*

#### **Take a BEFORE picture.**

Helps you see small progress. Make sure to take an AFTER photo to see all the progress you made in a short time.

#### **Think about your life RIGHT NOW.**

What do you want or need and only keep that. Haven't used it in 1, 2, 5 years? Keeping sentimental things of your kids? Put them in a container and label it. Let it go....

**QUICKLY pick out anything you know is trash.** Don't stop and sort, just put it in a trash bag or trashcan.

#### **Look for Hazardous Waste items.**

Old paint, gardening or cleaning chemicals, batteries., etc. Make a pile. Find local resources you can use to dispose of them (see Resource Spotlight).

#### **Look for items you know you don't want or need.**

Put them in a box or an area or better, right in your car. Set a timer giving yourself an hour before the place you will donate them closes. Even if you only do one section stop and get those items donated.



## RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT-ITEM DISPOSAL

Most states have state funded waste disposal programs. A simple internet search will give you info on your state. In Delaware, go to <https://dswa.com/programs> to see various programs and collection times. Each county has designated areas collection stations. Dates and times stations

are open, as well as collection events ,vary by county. This website gives you all the information needed for single stream recycling, hazardous waste, electronics recycling, document shredding as well as list of licensed haulers who can assist you in getting your items to the stations if you are unable to do so.