

# SIMPLY ORGANIZED

Decluttering and  
Space Organizing



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### *Tame the Garage...*

So, here we are in October (how did that happen?) The month of pumpkins, cornstalks, crisp apples and Halloween. Have you been haunted day and night by the scary things that reside in your garage? Is it a place not fit for man, nor beast, nor automobile? If you have answered yes, please read on...

How about tackling that unfit auto room this month? It is the catch all place for the stuff that gets pushed out of the house and in from the yard. With the kids back at school, the weather cooling off and enough time before the holiday madness, it's a good opportunity to dig in.

Here are 5 easy tips to tame the ghouls and goblins of your garage.

- **Weed** - Keep or go, it's that easy. Keep if you "use it, love it or need it"...all else, send it on it's way by tossing, donating, yard sale, Craig's list or eBay
- **Sort** - Group like things together, such as sporting goods, gardening tools and supplies, automotive, etc.
- **Define** - Locate a place for each zone according to quantities, frequency of use and available space (purchase shelving if appropriate-go vertical)
- **Organize** - Use clear storage containers when needed and label, label, label
- **Maintain** - Schedule tune-ups for the garage

Enjoy parking your car in the garage and having rid yourself of those things that go bump in the night. Need help, ideas and/or storage solutions... call **Ellen** today at **845.453.4481** and get your space ready for when the snow flies.

You have my permission and thanks for passing this newsletter on to any and all who might benefit from its' content and a clean garage!

**Best,** Ellen

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Did you know...

October is  
Organize Your  
Medical Info  
Month.

October 1-31  
Guardian Self  
Storage and  
Dutchess  
Outreach are  
holding their  
yearly coat drive.  
Please drop off  
your clean  
unwanted coats(all  
sizes) to any  
Guardian Self  
Storage Facility  
throughout  
Dutchess County.  
All coats stay in  
the county.

The self storage  
industry is  
recession proof in  
our country...that's  
scary!