

Clearing Garage Clutter

DIY's Eric Stromer offers these steps to de-clutter your garage:

- Remove all boxes, bikes, old tools, and other random items.
- Sweep the floor to begin with a nice clean working area.
- Take down any old shelving that does not properly use the space.
- Use a stud finder to locate your ceiling joists and wall studs.
- Mark areas with a pencil.
- Install overhead storage unit to ceiling joists.
- Prepare to install the ledger.
- Decide where you'll put your shelves.
- Use a level to insure straight shelves and mark with the pencil.
- Screw in the ledger to previously located wall studs.
- Install brackets.
- Install wood shelving.
- Attach hooks to ceiling and walls
- Make sure the hooks carry substantial weight to studs or joists.
- Hang your bikes and large tools on the hooks.