

Turn Your Shed Into a Home Improvement Center

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Over the last few years, home improvement and DIY (Do-It-Yourself) projects have gotten easier than ever to accomplish. But there is one problem that homeowners still grapple with when taking on a new project. That problem is one of storage. Where do you put your projects' supplies where you can easily find them and they are protected from weather and theft

The answer may already be a part of your own backyard. A storage shed makes an excellent home improvement center. Here's what you will need to do.

First, clear all items in storage from your shed. Clean it out completely. These items will need to find new homes, or you will need to do some creative rearranging. We'll get to that later. This is an excellent time to go through those items and dispose of anything you no longer need.

Take a good look at your project or projects and what supplies you will be

housing. What are your storage needs? How long will you be storing these things before using them? Do you have other projects in mind for later? Once you have determined these criteria, you can begin to assess your storage needs.

As you think about your needs, give some thought to how you want to organize the shed. Will you be using it solely for home improvement tasks? Or will you use part of it for DIY and the rest simply for storage? If you have more than one project, will you segment your space by project or keep like items (for instance, nails, power tools, etc.) together? You may want to combine items such as tools that you use over and over again in one spot, while segmenting the projects' individual supplies in their own area.

Determine what storage accessory items you will want to utilize. These might include shelves, plastic box containers, pegboards, hooks, and wall magnets. Make a shopping list of items

that you don't have.

Draw out a plan. It does not need to be elaborate, but putting it down on paper will help you implement your plan as you finalize it. Include floor and wall drawings, putting everything down that you intend on using. Keep in mind the items that you cleared from your shed initially and may want to continue to store.

If you have planned correctly, you should have at least some storage room for the items you previously stored in your shed. If not, you may need to find room in a garage, outside storage container, or patio to store them. If you absolutely cannot find room for these items, it may be time to consider enlarging or replacing your old storage shed. Find a custom builder who can help you maximize your space and help you get the most from it.

Once you have gotten your supplies, simply implement your plan. Then, place your home improvement project items into their designated place. Voila, it's done.



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