



GarageTek not only installs organizational systems, they sort, clean, haul away and replace everything in the garage.

Spring Cleaning

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Spring is in the air, which makes you want to clean, nest and fluff the house, right? No way – it's time to hop back in the boat. And yet, the stuff builds and lingers, tripping you when you come through the garage at night.

GarageTek of Coastal NC can alleviate the stress that builds along with the piles and free you to get back on the water.

“There are three types of people when it comes to getting their garages in shape. There's the do-it-yourselfer that takes pride in going to Lowes and buying some cabinets and putting them in. He's not our customer. Then there is the person who wants part of the garage done and will add to the system. And finally, there's the



GarageTek creates storage nooks in unused spaces.

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one who just wants to wave the magic wand and have it done. These two are our people,” says George Martin, owner of GarageTek of Coastal NC and frequent magic wand waver when it comes to transforming messy garages into sleek, functional spaces.

This time of year finds Martin fielding phone calls from people who have found him in the phone book, clipped a magazine ad through the year or discovered him through an Internet search of “garage organization.” He services everything east of I-95 and along the coast of North Carolina.

Three other GarageTek franchises are in metropolitan North Carolina areas.

Martin recommends that people interested in reclaiming their garages go through a process to ensure they are choosing the sys-

tem best for them using the following checklist:

List your priorities. Having a clean, organized garage is not specific enough. Goals may be pulling your car into your garage or storing fishing equipment off of the ground and organizing it.

After determining what you want to accomplish, decide on a budget. The garage may be 10-15 percent of your home's space. Even though it is unheated, a garage's functionality adds greatly to home value. The advantage of adding an organization system is for your enjoyment, but it will get returns when selling your home. Besides, the amount of money spent on one component such as granite for kitchen countertops could cover the entire garage renovation.

When choosing a system, evaluate the guarantee and warranty. Does the company take care of extras such as painting? If the walls are

concrete, do they install studs? Are they full-service? Martin notes that they even come back and pressure wash GarageTek flooring one to two times a year as needed by the customer.

GarageTek specializes in service, not just products. Martin notes that they clean out the

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garage and work with the homeowner to establish three stacks of stuff: to keep, to discard or recycle, to donate. Recycled goods may go to Habitat for Humanity or Play It Again Sports. Most jobs take one day while some with wall-to-wall stuff can stretch out over two or three days. Martin and crew take everything out and, by the day's end, have it back in new and improved spots.

Spring cleaning doesn't have to keep you off of the water all weekend. Visit the corporate website at www.garagetek.com to get tips and ideas of how to make your world an organized space. 🛠️

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