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## Discover and Maximize Your Home's Storage Space

Untapped space is right before your eyes. Call now for a complimentary design consultation and discover storage space waiting to be used in your own home. Let ShelfGenie transform cluttered cabinets into smart, efficient spaces for your kitchen, bathroom, garage, home office and more. Call 888.269.9965 to schedule your free design appointment today. Explore the possibilities up close with a visit to the ShelfGenie new showroom in the Michigan Design Center's Resource Center in Troy, opening to consumers and designers by mid-August.

### Tip Sheet



### Find Space Galore

Basements and garages are treasure troves of additional storage space and an effective storage system can even protect your investments. "Imagine orderly tool storage or an entertainment center where game systems and DVDs are neatly stored instead of just a tangled mess," says Debbie Marwil, owner/designer of Shelf Genie of Novi. "Wherever there is an existing cabinet, you can create more space and more effective use of space with a custom-designed system. It's smart to use the space you already have," she says.



### Organize Your Finances, Too

Twenty-three percent of adults admit they pay bills late simply because they lose them, according to the West Virginia University Extension Service. Sound familiar? "Save money. Maximize your home office space by neatly organizing bills and important papers in a system that keeps you on schedule," says Marwil.



### Updating? Think Resale Value

Seasonal changes mean home updates and repair. While you may not be ready to completely remodel your kitchen, cabinet re-facing and granite countertop upgrading go a long way to increase your home's resale value. "Smart, functional updates like kitchen storage solutions add a wow factor that really impress potential buyers and are an affordable necessity you can enjoy in the meantime," says Marwil.

## Organize Your Shelves For Fall

Grant your own wish for abundant home storage space

Summer's end is a busy time. The abrupt change from long, lazy days to crack-of-dawn mornings and activity-filled evenings is like an autumn whirlwind. This year, greet fall with a storm of productivity by preparing your home's hot spots now.

"We all believe we need a bigger home with more space to feel organized, but what we really need is better ease of access to the space we already have," says Debbie Marwil, owner/designer of ShelfGenie of Novi.

Follow our tips for utilizing your home's wealth of space and save time, effort and money this fall.



**KEEP TIME-SAVING KITCHEN APPLIANCES** close at hand rather than on a shelf in the basement or garage. "You spent money on that blender, food processor or mixer, and you are more likely to use when you keep it stored in your kitchen, where it belongs. A double- or triple-height glide out shelf will give you the space you need. You'll save counter space, too," says Marwil.

**STORE BATHROOM CLEANING SUPPLIES** and everyday personal items at your fingertips with efficient storage solutions in your bathroom. "Whether you store heavy laundry detergent or towels and cotton balls, insist upon a lifetime guarantee and a 100 pound weight capacity so you will never worry about failure," says Marwil. Make sure to utilize those awkward under-sink spaces, too, regardless of plumbing fixtures.



**TRANSFORM UNUSED SPACE** in your overcrowded pantry and you will always know exactly what you have on hand when it's time to prepare family meals. "Open your pantry or kitchen cabinet and notice how much dead space you actually have,"

suggests Marwil. "A sturdy, fully-extendable storage system that maximizes the height and depth of your storage means you can simply pull out drawers, rather than reach deep into cabinets when searching for that item you know is back there."



**NEVER AGAIN GET ON YOUR KNEES** to find that item you know is in the back of your cupboard. "Save your back and create a system that maximizes access to your items so everything is within arm's reach," says Marwil. "And consider pull-down shelving, so you will never have to risk using a stepstool or ladder just to reach the top shelf."

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