

FALL PREP FOR YOUR ENTRYWAY AND GARAGE

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Just like swapping summer clothes for cozy sweaters or trading watermelon for pumpkin spice, your home's transition spaces need a seasonal shift too. The mudroom and garage often get overlooked because they're "just" the entry points, but they're also the very first thing seen when you arrive (and the last thing when you leave). This not only applies to company but also to how you feel when you enter and exit your home.

Over the summer, these areas tend to collect flip-flops, beach towels, sunscreen, and sand. Fast forward to October, and suddenly you're stepping over summer's remnants along with soccer cleats, backpacks, and that random rake you pulled out last week. If your mudroom or garage feels more chaotic than calm right now, you're not alone.

Here are a few quick wins to reset these high-traffic spaces for fall:

MUDROOM REFRESH

Swap the Seasons

Gather summer gear that's still in good condition and store it until next year. Items that are excessively worn, moldy, or empty should be tossed, and items you never reached for might be good candidates for donation.

Add a Boot Tray

A simple mat or tray saves you from muddy footprints and creates a visual reminder of intended organization.

Streamline the Hooks

Create space for what's currently being grabbed as family members head out the door. This could be tote bags, backpacks, or grocery bags. Items used occasionally should be relocated so getting out the door doesn't involve a game of hide-and-seek.

Rotate your Décor

Seasonal touches like fall mums or pumpkins should replace summer décor, not sit next to it. Too many items, especially those out of season, shift the mood from "welcome home" to tripping hazard.

GARAGE RESET

Tuck Away Summer Gear

Any summer pieces stored in the garage should be sorted through. Dirty, broken, or unusable items should be disposed of responsibly. Loved items in good condition (pool toys, folding chairs, coolers) don't need prime space right now, so store them in labeled "summer" bins or on hooks up high and out of the way.

Pull Fall Gear Forward

Take stock of your autumn items like rakes, leaf bags, Halloween or fall outdoor décor and bring them forward for easy access. Consider adding simple hooks or shelving if needed, and make a list of anything that needs replacing before you actually need to use it.

Designate A Drop Zone

Larger items that you don't want cluttering your kitchen or living spaces (sports equipment, bulk groceries, Amazon boxes) should have a landing spot that doesn't block your entryway. Make it part of your

What we are Decluttering this Month



Paper Clutter

School forms, old mail, seasonal flyers, or that magazine you grabbed on a whim in the grocery line all have a way of piling up on kitchen counters.

Let's tackle those piles this month!

If you don't already have a system for incoming paperwork, fall is the perfect time to set one up. Need help?

We offer mini sessions designed for projects just like this.

weekend routine to check this area so it doesn't become a pile-up zone for things that don't belong.

A little intentional effort now means you'll glide through the season without the daily frustration of cluttered entrances. When your mudroom and garage work for you, coming home feels lighter and that's the kind of energy we all need heading into the holidays.

Are you looking for structure and organization in your entryways or garage? Let us know, we'd be happy to help!

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