

# How to utilize storage space more wisely

Is the interior of your house beginning to look more like the setting for a rummage sale than a home? Do you feel like you're living in a constant state of "Clutter chaos" as you desperately seek out new nooks and crannies in which to store your ever-growing number of belongings?

And what about the exterior of your home? Does it look like a jumble of confusion, simply because you've run out of space to store your outdoor items? Do you leave your garden furniture outdoors all winter because you have no other place to store it?

If the above descriptions sound all too familiar, then it may be time to look at creating some new storage space — or using the space you already have more effectively.

Obviously, it's easier to make more efficient use of your existing storage space than to install new cupboards, closets or shelves.

There are many storage organizing kits available on the market today to help you do this. Inexpensive cardboard boxes that fit neatly under your bed are a great option for storing items like extra bedding or out-of-season clothing.

Plastic-coated storage bins are also an alternative for getting more efficient storage out of your existing closets and cupboards. These stackable units can be easily assembled into the required space and are usually reasonably priced.

Rolling or sliding storage bins are also particularly handy in the kitchen or pantry to help maximize storage space in awkward places.

Most hardware stores and building centres carry a selection of storage units. You may also want to consult a company that specializes in shelving and storage to have a system custom designed for you.

When searching for new storage space, it's important to consider how often you'll be using the items you're storing and prioritize your needs accordingly. If they're occasional-use items, you won't necessarily want them in the way of things you use more frequently.

If you're thinking of creating new space, look at areas of prime activity where existing wall space is not used to its full potential.

For instance, if you're a bookworm or a music lover, you can create or buy pre-fabricated wall units to display your collections. Either way, you can tailor these units to suit your taste, decor and budget.

The bathroom is a prime example of an area where you can make a difference. If you have an older home with a small medicine cabinet and a reasonable amount of wall space, consider having a much larger unit installed.


In addition, you can add extra shelves where wall space permits.

If you think that your basement or attic is already filled to capacity, take a closer look. You may be surprised. Closets and cupboards can be created under a stairwell with a little know-how. You can customize your storage space to the angle of your staircase to make sure you get the maximum use out of the area.

However, before embarking on such a project, you may want to consult the appropriate experts at your local building supply centre — or hire a contractor if you're not particularly handy.

If you love to putter with a hammer and nail, you probably need some additional storage space for all the tools you've collected over the years. For most people, the garage is the ideal place that comes to mind.

You can buy handy pre-fabricated storage or work centres or you can build one yourself. However, if space is severely restricted in your garage, consider hanging pegboards or installing overhead storage units.



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**NEW**



**\$175,900**

And what better way to enjoy it than sitting on the interlocking stone patio, in the beautifully landscaped backyard. Freshly painted, 3 bdrm. house with W/O to backyard from dining room. Big eat-in kitchen, has lots of cupboards, finished basement has pine wainscoting.

**NEW**

**A ROYAL HOME**



**\$289,900**

Recent Huge Reduction. This nearly-new has a real "live-in kitchen" with a huge pantry, island, walkout overlooking the pond, etc. Main floor laundry, overheight basement, large double garage. Call Chris to view.

**NEW**

**PLEASING HOME**



**\$179,900**

Well maintained home in nice area. DR has w/o to deck, step, down to patio. Kitchen opens up into dining room. Appls. included. Sitting area at top of stairs. Bsmt. is mostly fin. with rec. rm. and a bar. Close to schools and shopping.

**15TH SIDEROAD**



**\$290,000**

Privacy Plus with 700+ set back, inground pool, 2 big fireplaces, extra high garage, insulated workshop, 2 level deck.

**3 CAR LARGE GARAGE**



**\$239,000**

Lovely bungalow sitting on 2-1/2 acres with magnificent views, 3 bdrms., family room with gas F.P., rec room with wood burning stove, mostly fin. basement. Pool with decking.

**540 LAURIER**



**\$229,900**

Finished, finished, finished. Have lots of visitors? 4 bdrms. up plus 2 down, 3-1/2 baths and several sitting areas take care of the crowds.


**DREAM BY YOUR OWN FIREPLACE**



**\$176,900**

Spring may be here, the days may be getting warmer, but the evenings are still cool and what better way to chase those chills away, than in front of your own fireplace, in the cozy living room. 4 bdrms, master has ensuite, fin. basement. Pine wainscoting throughout. Please ask for Stew to view.

**"A WORLD OF LIVING"**



**\$729,000**

The 6 bdrm. Spanish style house offers a world of luxury living. Enter the house through the iron gates of the courtyard, with its bl brick BBQ and interlocking patio. Inside you will find large stately rms., lit. has b.u. appls., w/o to deck. Surrounded by trees with stream through property. Paved lane w/iron gates & heated bus shelter.

**CAMPBELLVILLE CONTEMPORARY**



**\$449,000**

Big bricks, Bigger Windows, Higher Ceilings, Biggest Ensuite.

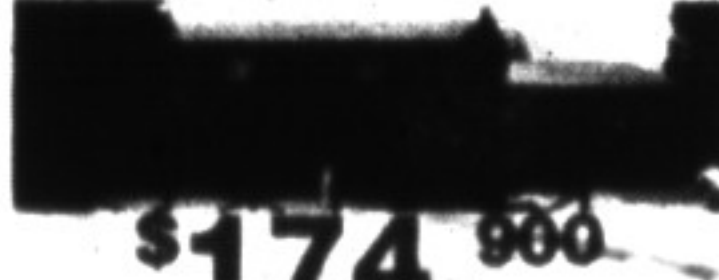
**IN-LAW SUITE**



**\$244,900**

Is the mother-in-law moving in, or do you have an independent teenager that wants their "own pad"? 3+ bdrm. house, close to high school, on a cul-de-sac. Huge master bdrm. w/ensuite. F.R. has F.P., bay windows overlooking backyard w/mature trees. Big eat-in kit. has w/o to yard.

**LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING**



**\$174,900**

You would be surprised at how much room there actually is. 4 level backdrop has vaulted ceilings. French doors lead into the L-shaped LR/DR. Eat-in kitchen has w/o to deck & fenced yard, apple are neg. 3 bdrms have big windows to let in natural light. Fin. basement has nice FP, w/o to rec. rm. and work rms. Lots of storage rm. Call Chris to take a look.

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**COUNTRY ROADS TAKE ME HOME**



**\$259,900**

4 bedroom home on pretty lot with views of Escarpment. Main floor family room, fireplace, mostly finished basement.

**VACANT LAND**

**LOT FOR SALE**

**\$174,900**

Building permit available on 12.8 acre parcel. Central location, close to Burlington, Guelph, Georgetown.

**FOR LEASE**

**1500 sq. ft. Main Street**

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**77 MAE COURT**



**\$439,000**

This Robertson home has 3 car garage, partly finished basement with gas fireplace, washed ash kitchen w/built-in appliances, 4 bedrooms, main floor office, all the goodies & more.

**DRIVE BY!**



**\$329,000**

The drama of wood! Forest setting for seclusion, cedar home, wrap around deck welcomes neighbours and friends. Word gets around. Better call fast!

**EXECUTIVE EXCLUSIVITY**



**\$575,000**

Lots of tradition, balanced with modernism, 8 acres, 16 Mile Creek, 1/2 pool, sauna, 3 bedrooms, live-in kitchen, Florida room. Call Chris for your opportunity to own.


**BI-LEVEL BEAUTY**



**\$209,900**

4 bdrm side split offers warmth & charm the minute you walk into the spacious front hall. Large family room with FP, has french doors leading out to the deck and fenced yard. Large living rm. flooded with natural light from bow window. Kitchen is very practical with its bl appls. and breakfast bar. Call Audrey to find out the many delightful extras.

**10+ ACRES**



**\$299,000**

Plus 20' x 24' shed, 4 bedroom bungalow, fully fin. bsmt. with hot tub, 3 pce., stone fireplace & walkout. Upstairs has wood floors. French doors & lots more. Call Chris for more information.

**MINUTES FROM TOWN**



**\$199,900**

Main floor family room in this lovely bungalow is a bonus. Finished rec. room. Lovely views.

**OLD IS BEAUTIFUL**



**\$184,900**

Built in 1856. This 3 bdrm. brick cottage has some history. Old style pine trim and Colonial style panel doors. Windows front and back door replaced in '92. Large eat-in kit. includes some appliances. Lrg. D.R. is great when the family comes over. Call Chris.

**UNIQUE DESIGN**



**\$225,000**

Six sided living rm-dining rm-kitchen combo. Living room overlooks ravine with river flowing through it. 50 acres. For more details please ask for Stewart.

**DRESSED & WAITING**

**\$127,000**

This 3-1 bdrm townhouse will have new paint job & carpeting at closing. 4 appliances included. Convenient to Sheridan College in Oakville makes it ideal for the investor.

**551 CHILDS DRIVE**

**\$119,900**

Close to mall, Go, walk downtown, fenced backyard, mostly finished basement.

**CHILDS DRIVE**

**\$126,900**

Near Milton Mall, this townhouse is ideal for the one-car family. Basement is mostly finished and backyard is fenced in. Exclusive listing.

**BETTER LOOK AT ME**

**\$132,900**

You won't be sorry you did. This 3 bedroom townhouse is a real gem to the eye. With friendly neighbours and when DR/LR combo, has 2 bedrooms. Finished basement.



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