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ditional repository for power tools, lawn and garden gear, spare car parts, and four seasons' worth of athletic equipment. You don't have to be a Tim Allen to appreciate how storage components can bring order to that kind of chaos.

Brandon Township resident Ed Albertson is very pleased with the way modular units have organized his garage. A self-confessed tinkerer, Albertson had been frustrated by the jumble of tools and

Organizer systems don't just tame the clutter jungle inside the closet. By providing drawers and containers for personal items like socks, lingerie, and jewelry, they can give back floor space in the bedroom itself.

equipment he faced every time he set to work. Inspired by the closet organizers being installed throughout his home, he asked California Closets for help in his garage, too.

The result is what Markham calls "a gourmet garage." A combination of cabinets and wall units has almost tripled storage space, Albertson says. Three-fourths of one long wall is a workbench with drawers above. A custom pegboard

makes small tools easily accessible.

"Everything is organized and off the floor," says Albertson. "When I want something, I know right where to go find it. It encourages me to be neater," he continues, adding thoughtfully. "It's one of the best things I ever did."

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