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If you're like most homeowners, you're always on the lookout for more places to store things that you don't use very often. Here are some tips to find more nooks and crannies in some unexpected spots around your home.

LOOK UP ! In your garage, look upward to see if you could suspend some shelving or heavy-duty hooks from the ceiling. All kinds of things might hang from them, including all of your bicycles.

LOOK DOWN ! Look under the house in your crawl space. There should be

lots of usable storage which is right under your feet! It's a good spot to put large garden tools, rakes, hoes and the like. Next, peer under your beds at all that wasted floor space! Purchase a few of those long cardboard or plastic containers which are perfect to store items such as gift wrap paper and ribbons, books, photos, out of season clothes, the grandkids' small toys—and anything else that will fit nicely into the boxes.

LOOK ALL AROUND! Consider putting a small shed in the back yard, or right next to the house. Those mowers are taking up lots of valuable space in your garage and can be relocated conveniently. Also bikes, beach rafts and umbrellas, kayaks, and

sporting equipment will fit nicely and will be perfectly safe in your locked storage shed. Another idea is to consider purchasing or building a storage bench for the deck or patio. Put some nice cushions on top of the bench and it will do double duty as seating in the summer, and then for storage during those long winter months.

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