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## WHAT TO STORE IN THE SPRING/SUMMER:

- Holiday decorations
- Winter Clothes
- Winter/Hunting Gear

- Extra Pool Equipment
- Gardening Tools

 Lawn Equipment (keep close to the door and keep a path clear as these items will be used often)



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- Declutter and get rid of anything you don't plan to use anymore. Whether this is clothing, decorations, kitchen supplies etc. Many consignment shops will take a variety of items from clothing to furniture.
- Can you repurpose something? For those memorable items that you don't want to get rid of completely, see if you can find a different use for them. Old lunchboxes can become a great place to store first aid items. Or an old CD plastic sleeves case you can use as a recipe holder. Pinterest is of course a great place to look up ways to repurpose old items.
- Start a seasonal trade-off event with your friends. Gather clothes from your closet that you may not wear next season and and have your friends do the same. Get together and see if anyone wants to trade. Whatever is still left, give to charity.

## PREPARE YOUR SHED FOR STORAGE:

- -Think about how you can maximize your space. If you haven't already bought a Cook shed, you may want to consider purchasing one that has a loft option (<u>Lofted Barn</u>, <u>Lofted Garage</u>, <u>Utility</u>, <u>Handyman</u>). Then you can store larger items and equipment on the main floor and extra storage bins in the loft.
- -Use your vertical and horizontal space efficiently. Add adjustable shelves and pegboards to help you keep items organized. To maximize your vertical space, add hooks and hang bins or other items (cords, hoses etc) from the ceiling or doors.
- -Sweep out and organize what is already in your shed. Is there something you need to take out or move closer to the door? Is there something you don't need anymore? Decluttering and cleaning out your shed each season will help you keep everything organized and easily accessible.

Check out this video for more ideas!

## SHED ORGANIZATIONAL CHECKLIST:

- \_\_ Are my items stored in closed containers?
- \_\_ Are my items stored in the smallest container possible?
  - Do I need to buy a smaller container?
  - Could I vacuum seal this to save space?
- \_\_ Ave my containers labeled on all sides?
  - Is it easy to read?
  - Are the labels too easy to peel off?
  - Is it stored where the label is easily seen?
- \_ Are my containers and labels color coordinated?
  - Are all of my Christmas decorations in red or green boxes?
  - Are all of my fall decorations in orange or brown boxes?
  - Are my clothes all stored in the same colored boxes?
- \_\_\_Have the toys been washed or sprayed with disinfectant before they're put away in closed containers?
- Are the things you'll need first or most often placed near the door? Are the items you won't need for a while stored in the back?

Before you store it in the shed, see if you can mark off everything on this list. By doing a few simple tasks now, it will help you save time later!



## WHY STORE YOUR ITEMS IN A COOK SHED?



- There are a <u>variety of styles</u> to choose from to fit any backyard or purpose.
- Cook sheds generally arrive within 7-10 days, even if you <u>customize</u> it with extras.
- Cook's rent-to-own program makes owning a shed affordable for you right now. You always have the option to trade up and your rent goes toward owning the shed!
- With Cook, the building <u>quality and features</u> are unmatched.
- Cook gives a <u>lifetime warranty</u> on all treated components.
- Our customers can tell you why!

When choosing a Cook shed, you're not only getting a storage shed, but one that will last the test of time and the elements. If you're ready to purchase a new shed, then contact your local dealer today!