10 garage organization tips that still work in March

A few rules for the garage you already have. Zone by how often you reach for things, use one tote size, stay under the shelf rating, and photograph every bin so you never open six to find one.

- [ ] Put weekly items within five steps of the door, yearly items overhead
- [ ] Buy one tote size and brand in one trip; keep two empty
- [ ] Label the short side and the lid, readable from six feet
- [ ] Keep heavy totes between knee and shoulder; anchor tall racks
- [ ] Use clear totes for hunting, opaque for bulk
- [ ] Leave one shelf empty
- [ ] Hang anything with a handle; put twice-a-year items overhead
- [ ] Move paint, food, electronics, candles and paper indoors
- [ ] Check local propane and gasoline limits
- [ ] Do a ten-minute reset after each project; keep a donate box by the door
- [ ] Photograph every tote before closing it; search before you buy