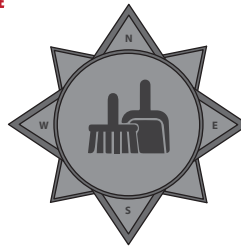


CLEAN OUT THE ATTIC OR THE BASEMENT

Organization is an important part of life, and for this exercise, you get to be the solution. The trouble with attics and basements is they become catch-alls for all sorts of things, often containing items that really should have gone in the trash as opposed to storage. My rule of thumb is that if you don't use it in a year, it is questionable whether you'll ever use it. There are exceptions of course, but it does beg the question.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



EARN THIS NUGGET

Get that area cleaned out, sorted out and neatly stored once more. With happy parents comes a magnificent Nugget and a great sense of accomplishment.

LEVEL K

PERIOD 3

TASK 3

So your task is to discuss with your parents what storage area of your home is in need of the greatest attention-- basement, attic, storage shed, whatever. To earn your Nugget, complete these steps.

1. Remove everything from the space, every box, every odd implement, the whole ball of wax.
2. Clean, sweep out and remove all that dust and dirt and dead creepy crawlies (If you want to make sure they are dead, you may want to "Bug-Bomb" the space first. Personally I hate spiders, and I work a lot faster if I am not jumping every time I move a box.
3. Now inspect everything that you have removed, discuss with the owners of the items to confirm whether they really need to keep them.
4. I recommend that you open every box, make sure items are still in good condition, and check to make sure that there has not been any moisture damage etc.
5. For the items that are deemed worthy to go back into storage, repack and prepare for another stint of long-term storage.
6. Now return items to the storage area, be smart, and neatly stack boxes. Put heavy items on the bottom, place unboxed items in efficient space around the boxes, and make sure boxes are clearly marked with contents.
7. Take a well-earned shower.

