Garage Improvement Month Initiative Urges Safety Upgrades for Older Homeowners

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TORONTO, ON ? May 29, 2025 ? Garage Living, a home improvement franchise specializing in garage transformations, launched a campaign for Garage Improvement Month to raise awareness about the hidden and often overlooked safety concerns garages present for older adult homeowners.

The average garage is used daily but lacks the design and safety considerations found in other high-use areas like the kitchen or bathroom. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ?falls remain the leading cause of injury-related death among adults 65 and older.? Over 55% of these fatal incidents occur at home, and poor lighting, uneven flooring, clutter, and hard-to-reach storage in the garage create a risky environment.

?While garages are often overlooked, they?re a high-traffic part of the home and deserve the proper attention and planning, especially for aging homeowners,? said Aaron Cash, president and co-founder of Garage Living Franchise Systems. ?This Garage Improvement Month is about recognizing how proper design and organization protect our loved ones and improve their quality of life.?

AARP found that while 90% of adults aged 65 and older want to stay in their homes, only 15% have made home modifications, further demonstrating the need to make homes safer.

Cash urges families to participate in Garage Improvement Month by assessing their garages for common hazards. Practical, safety-focused updates like installing motion-activated lighting, removing clutter, lowering shelves, and organizing items in labeled bins are low-cost and can significantly reduce fall risks and improve accessibility.

?Not every improvement has to be a full renovation,? Cash said. ?Even modest changes can help restore a sense of confidence. And with thoughtful design, the garage can become a supportive space that fosters independence rather than a risk.?

Beyond fall prevention, the initiative also shines a light on additional hazards that can go unnoticed. Exposure to hazardous chemicals, improper storage of flammable materials, lack of ventilation, and outdated electrical wiring are common in older garages. These issues can pose serious health and safety risks, particularly for seniors who may already be managing chronic conditions or mobility challenges.

Garage Living emphasizes the importance of not only decluttering and organizing but also upgrading flooring with slip-resistant coatings, installing ergonomic handles, and replacing outdated garage doors with models that feature auto-reverse and safety sensors.

To help promote safer homes, Garage Living launched an international initiative to award one older adult homeowner a professionally designed garage renovation. Submissions are open through June 16, 2025, and applicants can nominate themselves or someone they care about. The winner will receive a complete safety-focused makeover of their garage space, tailored to support aging in place with both functionality and comfort.

The Garage Giveaway is part of Garage Living?s larger commitment to community outreach and education on the value of aging-friendly home modifications. More details are available at www.garageliving.com/GID2025.

Garage Living is ranked the No. 1 home improvement franchise in the U.S. and a Top 500 franchise. Founded in 2005, Garage Living is a full-service, single-source solution that offers homeowners a turnkey fix. From design to installation, Garage Living transforms garages into clean, functional, and stylish spaces tailored to meet the specific needs of each client. With a strong presence across North America, Garage Living continues to set the standard for premium garage interiors.

To learn more about Garage Living?s garage safety solutions and interior makeovers, visit www.garageliving.com or call 855-997-3046.

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