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STORAGE IDEAS FOR OUTDOORS

ASSESS, PLAN & PREPARE FIRST!

- Take an inventory of what you have, what you need to store.
- Identify what storage areas and materials you already have.
- List options for additional storage solutions -sort and declutter regularly.
- Decide what equipment can be left outside, stored outside or needs to be moved inside daily.
- Write down equipment & materials that are regularly used for specific areas.
- Display before and after photos of your storage setup/areas.
- Separate into 'open storage solutions' and 'closed storage solutions' depending on space you have available.

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OPEN STORAGE IDEAS

- Use colour coded boxes/baskets/containers that can be brought out and put away easily.
- Label with pictures for easy pack up
- Rotate monthly - don't display everything at once.
- Hang hooks on fences and trees - use rubber tubs, washing baskets, hanging planters, milk crates
- Use wire baskets or add holes to buckets & tubs to allow for drainage.
- Wall planters make great storage for loose parts around yard.
- Use hooks, shelves and other storage tricks in the small garden shed.

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- Add dividers inside garden seats to use as outdoor storage. Add padlock for security.
- Use pot saucers, plant pots, old baskets and wall hangers to store & display loose parts around the yard

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CLOSED STORAGE IDEAS

- Use small wheelie bins to bring out ready prepared props/craft materials
- Label cupboards, drawers, sheds etc with the items stored there.
- Draw a rough outline for others to follow.
- Ensure large plastic containers have lids and are of similar size to allow for stacking. Wheels are handy for taking outside regularly.
- Use old cupboards and shelving that can stay outdoors
- Use see through baskets and tubs and labels.