

At the Seventh Annual Cortez Rally the laundry chute in my 1971 rear door Cortez drew quite a bit of interest. If other Cortezers are anything like Janice and me - - we accumulate a great deal of garbage and laundry. This is the way I solved the dirty laundry problem. I'm still working on the garbage one. Maybe someone can help me with that one.

The medicine cabinet is only three inches deep in many Cortezes. There is a large area behind and below the cabinet, that for some reason is wasted. I removed the medicine cabinet and cut the back and sides down leaving about 1 1/2" of the sides on the cabinet. I then build a box of 1/2" plywood as shown below. (This box slides inside the cabinet and is stapled thru the metal into the plywood.) The bottomless box contains a shelf with a strip in front to prevent anything from falling out when you open the door. This shelf has more room than the other cabinet!!! I then removed the small compartments in the side of the closet and had a boat canvas shop make a canvas bag that snapped onto the cabinet and to the inside of the closet. The snaps are thru double layered canvas one inch wide. (drawing shows flaps two inches wide.) We can throw the clothes thru the bottom of the medicine cabinet and remove them thru the zippered opening in the closet. It is not necessary to connect the bag to the closet if you want to take the clothes out the same way you put them in. (It's even impossible in some models!) If your Cortez has a thin medicine cabinet you should pull it out and see if you have room for a laundry chute. I did and have enjoyed it ever since. Caution should be taken because each motorhome seems to be a little different and these measurements should be used as a guide - - check everything before you start. Do it now - - you won't regret it. 10-4 Mickey & Janice Smith

