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### Why Your Hybrid Deserves a Smarter Storage System

Ever tried finding your charging cable in the 2017 Ford Fusion Energi center armrest storage during a rainstorm? You're not alone. This plug-in hybrid's center console is like a magician's hat - things disappear the moment you put them in. Let's fix that.

### The Great Console Mystery Solved

Ford gave the Fusion Energi a 10.1-liter center console - big enough for:

- Two pairs of adult-sized sunglasses
- A 24oz water bottle standing upright
- Energi charging cables (if coiled properly)
- Emergency protein bars (because hybrid drivers get hungry too)

### 3 Game-Changing Organizers for Energy Drivers

#### 1. The Charging Station Hack

Cut an old yoga mat to line the bottom - suddenly your phone won't sound like maracas on every bump. Pro tip: Use command hooks on the console walls to secure charging cables.

#### 2. The Tray Upgrade Ford Should've Made

Aftermarket trays (like the popular Console Vault 3000) add:

- Adjustable dividers for different battery sizes
- Non-slip surfaces that laugh at hard braking
- A secret compartment for your hybrid's valet key

#### 3. The Door Pocket Paradox

While not technically armrest storage, the Fusion Energi's door pockets can hold:

- Umbrella (compact, unfolded)
- EPA mileage printouts (for smug comparisons)
- Dog leash (eco-friendly pet transport, obviously)

### When Smart Storage Meets Hybrid Tech

The secret sauce? Pair your organizer with Ford's SYNC 3 system. Use voice commands like "Find my

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charging adapter" while keeping both hands on the wheel - though let's be real, you're probably in EV mode crawling through a Whole Foods parking lot.

### **Real-World Test: Coffee Cup vs. Regenerative Braking**

We tested 12 travel mugs in the armrest cupholder during aggressive regenerative braking. Only the Contigo Autoseal West Loop survived without spillage - though the barista's latte art didn't fare as well.

### **Future-Proofing Your Storage Space**

With Ford's new Smart Console Connect patent filings, future updates might include:

Wireless charging zones that actually work

Retractable cable management systems

Temperature-controlled compartments (for those post-gym protein shakes)

Pro tip from a Ford engineer: "The armrest's hinge mechanism can support up to 15lbs of pressure. No, that doesn't mean you should sit on it - we've tested that too."

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