



Garage Sale Planner

Friendly Tips and Ideas for a Successful Sale!

1. Start Planning Early – Waiting til the last minute adds unneeded stress.
2. What Categories are you planning? Kids Gear, Kitchenware, Linens & Towels, Furniture, Sporting Goods?
3. Price Your items as you collect them.
4. Use inexpensive tags – Stickers or low-cost price tags work great
5. Consider a pricing sheet for clothes – reduces some of the haggling
Example– T-shirts 3.00 each or 5 for \$10
6. Advertise the event
7. Have a sign in your yard along with the balloons on your mailbox – This provides location clarity.
8. Have the Essentials Ready: a Calculator, Bags (plastic grocery bags work great), music, scissors, etc.
9. Set Up the Day before – As much completed ahead of time, makes the day much easier
10. Make sure everything is in good condition—for example, pump up soccer balls with air, assemble pieces that go together, etc.
11. Arrange Clothing Thoughtfully—If things look nice and tidy, they are more likely to sell.
12. If it's a hot day, consider selling bottled water at check out.
13. Have Change ready. Ideally, you should have 20-40 dollars in change. If someone provides a 20-dollar bill for 5 dollars worth of stuff, can you make the change?
14. Be prepared to negotiate – Garage Sales are haggling opportunities. Be thoughtful, considerate, and fair.
15. Check with not-for-profits on donating goods not sold. A great way to keep unwanted items from going back into your house. Have a plan to donate. Creates a win-win.
16. Have Balloons on your mailbox, and Garage Door open to let everyone know the sales is on!

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