

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale Prep Like a Pro

Getting Ready to Host a Successful Sale Starts With Proper Planning

Hosting a garage sale can feel overwhelming, but with proper preparation, it becomes an enjoyable and profitable experience. By starting early and following a few simple steps, you can organize your sale like a pro and maximize your success.

DECLUTTER AND SORT WITH PURPOSE

Begin by decluttering your home room by room, setting aside items you no longer need.

Create piles for different categories such as clothing, kitchenware, toys and electronics. Grouping similar items together makes it easier to organize them for display later. Use boxes or bins to keep categories separate and manageable.

While sorting, check each item for usability. Clean and repair items as needed to make them more appealing to buyers. For example, washing clothes or wiping down appliances can significantly increase their perceived value. Place broken or overly worn items in a separate pile to recycle or discard, ensuring your sale only includes quality goods.



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PRICE AND ORGANIZE YOUR ITEMS

Pricing can make or break your garage sale. Use stickers or tags to mark each item clearly, keeping prices competitive to attract buyers. Group smaller items, such as books or kitchen tools, into bundles for a higher sale value (e.g., “3 for \$5”). For high-demand categories like electronics or furniture, research market prices beforehand to avoid underselling.

Create a simple inventory list to keep track of valuable items and their prices. This helps you stay organized and makes it easier to negotiate or answer buyer questions. Additionally, prepare a cash box with plenty of change and small bills to avoid scrambling during transactions.

PLAN YOUR LAYOUT AND ADVERTISING

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ing. Plan how to display items in your yard or driveway, using tables, racks and blankets to keep items off the ground. Place high-demand or visually striking items, like furniture or electronics, at the front to catch attention. Organize smaller items, like toys or jewelry, in bins or trays for easy browsing.

Don't overlook the power of good advertising. Create signs with bold, legible text and arrows to guide buyers to your

location. Post on local social media groups and garage sale apps, including photos of featured items to generate interest. Be sure to include the date, time and address in all your promotional materials.

By starting early and planning every detail, you can turn a stressful chore into a successful and rewarding event. With thoughtful preparation, your garage sale will run smoothly and attract eager buyers ready to shop.

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SELLER'S TIP

Start Early to Succeed

Begin your garage sale prep a few weeks in advance. Sorting, pricing and cleaning ahead of time ensures less stress on sale day.

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