

# GARAGE SALES

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**W**hile garage sales are typically friendly community events, taking a few precautions can help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

From safeguarding your belongings to creating a secure environment, here are some essential tips for staying safe during your sale.

#### **SECURE CASH AND HIGH-VALUE ITEMS**

Handling cash requires extra attention during a garage sale. Use a lockable cash box or a money belt to keep funds secure, and never leave them unattended. Keep a reasonable amount of change on hand, but avoid keeping large sums of money at the sale site. If possible, use a secure payment app to minimize the need for cash transactions.

For high-value items like jewelry or electronics, position them near your table or checkout area where you can easily monitor them. Avoid placing these items close to the street, as they can be more tempting for theft. Label such items clearly with prices to prevent confusion or disputes.

#### **CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Ensure your sale area is well-organized and free of hazards. Remove trip risks like loose cords, uneven pavement or cluttered walkways. If you're using extension cords to power items, tape them securely to the ground to prevent accidents.

Set up a clear entry and exit path to manage the flow of

shoppers, especially in tight spaces like garages. Make sure heavy items are stable and secure, and remind buyers to ask for assistance if they need help lifting large items. Adding a first-aid kit to your setup is a thoughtful touch in case of minor injuries.

#### **PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY AND HOME**

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strangers into your personal space, so it's important to protect your home and privacy.

Lock all doors and windows leading to your house, and keep pets or children in a safe, secure area.

Avoid displaying personal information, such as mail or papers, near the sale area.

If you're advertising your sale, include only the street address without listing your

full name or contact details.

After the sale, remove all signs promptly to prevent unwanted visitors from showing up days later.

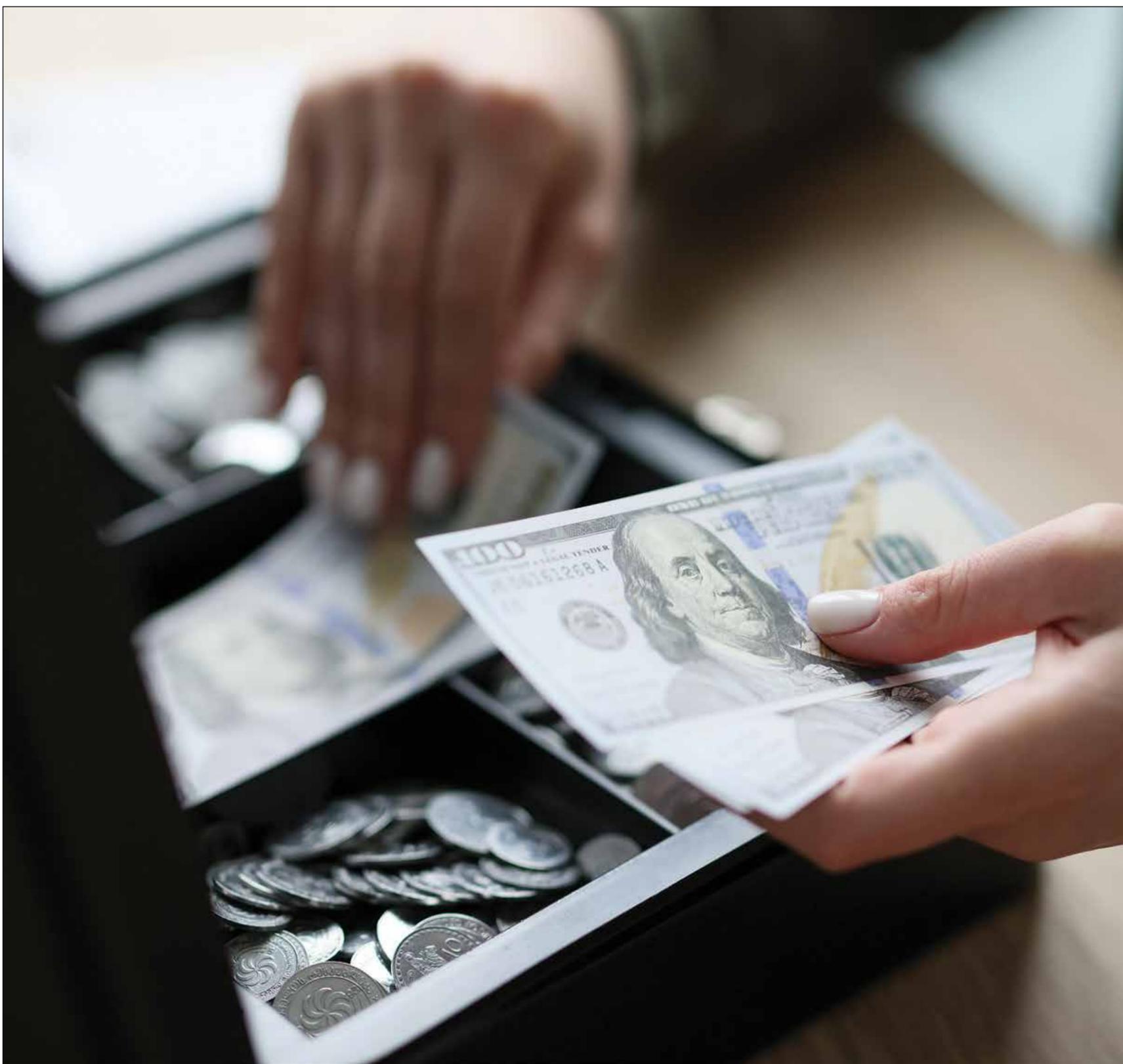
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#### SELLER'S TIP

##### Keep Valuables Close

For high-value items, set up a designated area near your checkout spot. Keeping them in view reduces the risk of loss or theft.

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