

GARAGE SALES

What to Do With Leftover Items

Smart Options for Clearing Out What Doesn't Sell After a Garage Sale

Even the most successful garage sale usually ends with a few items left over. Instead of packing everything back into storage, having a plan for unsold goods can help you finish the day feeling productive and clutter-free.

Many sellers find that the final hour of a garage sale is the perfect time to start thinking about what will happen to the remaining items. A little preparation ahead of time can make cleanup faster and prevent unwanted clutter from returning to your home.

DONATE TO LOCAL CHARITIES

One of the easiest options is donating leftover items to local charities or thrift stores. Many organizations accept clothing, household goods, books and furniture that are still in good condition.

Some charities even offer pickup services for larger items, saving you the trouble of transporting them yourself. Donations also give your items a second life while helping people in your community.

Before the sale, consider setting aside a few boxes labeled "donation." As the day winds down, you can quickly



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move unsold items into those boxes and prepare them for drop-off.

CONSIDER A FUTURE SALE

If you still have several items left, you might consider saving them for another garage sale later in the season. Many neighborhoods host community-wide sales in the spring or fall, which can bring even larg-

er crowds of shoppers.

Keeping a small storage bin labeled "garage sale items" makes it easy to collect things you no longer need throughout the year. By the time the next sale comes around, you may already have plenty of items ready to go.

Some families even make garage sales an annual tradition, using them as an opportunity to clear out unused

belongings and keep their homes organized.

RECYCLE OR REPURPOSE WHAT YOU CAN

If certain items are too worn to donate or sell, consider recycling them whenever possible. Many communities offer recycling programs for electronics, metals and other materials.

You might also repurpose items creatively. Old jars can

become storage containers, and leftover wood pieces can be used for small DIY projects around the home.

A thoughtful plan for leftover items helps ensure that nothing goes to waste. By donating, saving or recycling what remains, you can end your garage sale with a cleaner space and the satisfaction of putting unused items to good use.

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SELLER'S TIP

Have a Plan for What's Left

Planning ahead for unsold items makes cleanup easier and ensures nothing useful goes to waste.

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