

GARAGE SALES

The Ultimate Checklist

Making a List of Tasks For a Smooth Garage Sale Day

Hosting a garage sale takes careful planning, but a well-organized approach can lead to a successful event with fewer hassles. With the right checklist, you'll have everything you need to keep things running smoothly and to make a great impression on buyers.

START THE DAY WITH ORGANIZATION

The day before the sale, gather all essential supplies, including small bills and coins for change, price tags or stickers, and extra bags or boxes for shoppers.

Arrange these items in an accessible place, such as a portable container you can keep nearby.

Additionally, double-check that all sale items are tagged clearly, and make sure you have a few chairs for resting and refreshments on hand for any helpers.

On sale day, start early with setup to catch the early-bird buyers, who are often eager to score the best deals. Have your items grouped by type — like clothing, kitchenware and books — to make browsing easy.

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can draw people in, while keeping valuable items close to your table lets you keep an eye on them.

SET THE SCENE FOR SHOPPERS

An inviting, organized layout can encourage customers to spend more time browsing.

If possible, use tables and racks to display items at eye level, which makes them easier to see. For smaller items, consider using baskets or bins

that are clearly labeled, as this helps customers find items quickly.

Keep the area neat throughout the day by re-folding clothes, rearranging items, and consolidating as you make sales.

Have a friendly, welcoming demeanor as customers arrive, greeting each with a smile and offering assistance when needed.

This personal touch not only makes a great impression

but can also lead to repeat customers. If you have helpers, assign them roles to keep the flow going, such as watching over items or managing cash.

WRAP UP EFFICIENTLY

When the sale winds down, be prepared to handle unsold items. Designate a few boxes for items you plan to donate, and separate them from items you want to keep or list online for future sales.

This allows for a quick cleanup and lets you move leftover items easily.

A quick tidy-up of the yard or driveway ensures that your home is back to normal with minimal hassle after a successful sale.

Following a well-prepared checklist lets you enjoy your garage sale without the last-minute stress. From setup to takedown, you'll be ready to handle whatever the day brings.

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SELLER'S TIP

Keep Supplies Ready

Organize supplies like change, tags and bags in a box or bag before the sale. Being prepared lets you focus on greeting customers and handling transactions smoothly.

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