

GARAGE SALES

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When It's Worth Extending Your Sale — and How to Plan It

After all the sorting, pricing and setup, it might seem like one day should be enough. But many sellers wonder: Would adding a second day bring in more buyers — or just more work? A two-day garage sale can be a smart move, but only if you plan it well.

Here's what to consider before you commit to a week-end-long sale — and how to make the most of each day if you do.

THE BENEFITS OF GOING TWO DAYS

A second day gives you more time to attract shoppers who missed the first round. Not everyone is free on a Saturday morning, so offering a Sunday option — or starting on Friday — can widen your audience.

Two-day sales are also ideal if you have a large inventory, like when combining households, moving or hosting a multi-family event. More time means less pressure to sell everything in a rush.

Finally, buyers who visit on Day One often return for second looks, especially if they think they might get a better deal later. Day Two can become your clearance



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round, helping you move lingering items at discounted prices.

PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID BURNOUT

Hosting a two-day sale requires more energy than a single-day event. You'll need to keep your setup secure overnight and be ready to reset tables or reorganize inventory before the second morning.

To keep things manageable: Plan for slightly shorter hours on Day Two, enlist help from family or neighbors, store valuable items inside overnight or cover them securely, and have a pricing strategy in place for both days

Don't forget to account for weather — canopies, tarps or garage space can make or break a second-day setup if the forecast changes.

USE DAY ONE TO LEARN AND ADJUST

The first day gives you a sense of what shoppers are looking for. Pay attention to which tables attract the most attention, which items get picked up and put down, and which price points work best.

Use that information to reorganize before Day Two. Move unsold popular items to the front, lower prices on slow-moving stock, or group

similar pieces together for bundle deals.

If something big didn't sell — like a couch or a bike — consider marking it down or adding a fresh sign that says "Still available!" with the new price.

ADVERTISE WITH BOTH DAYS IN MIND

When promoting your sale in the newspaper or online, be clear that it runs over two days. Use phrases like "Fri-Sat" or "Sat-Sun" and include hours for each day. You might also note that prices will drop or deals will be available on Day Two to encourage return visits.

For signage, either write both days clearly on your main sign or have separate signs for each. If you're only open for part of the second day, make sure it's easy to read so buyers don't arrive late.

A LITTLE EXTRA WORK FOR A LOT MORE SALES

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SELLER’S TIP

Tweak Prices on Day Two

Lower prices slightly or offer bundle deals on the second day to move items that didn’t sell — and reward return shoppers looking for bargains.

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