

GARAGE SALES

Handling Unsold Items

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Instead of tossing them into the trash, there are plenty of ways to repurpose, donate or sell these items to give them a second life. Here are some practical options for handling unsold items after your garage sale.

DONATE TO LOCAL CHARITIES

One of the easiest and most impactful ways to deal with unsold items is by donating them to local charities. Many organizations, such as Goodwill, The Salvation Army or local shelters, gladly accept gently used clothing, furniture and household goods. Check with the charity ahead of time to confirm what types of items they accept, and consider scheduling a donation pickup if you have large or bulky items.

SELL ONLINE

If you still have high-value items left over, consider selling them online through platforms like Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist or eBay. These sites allow you to reach a broader audience, and



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you may find someone who is willing to pay more than what was offered at the garage sale. Be sure to include clear photos and detailed descriptions of the items, and set reasonable prices to attract buyers.

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low-up sale on a different weekend, promoting it as a "clearance sale" or offering steeper discounts to move items quickly. A second sale can also give you the chance to market to a new group of buyers who may have missed your first sale.

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cling items that didn't sell. Old furniture can be painted or refinished, and smaller items like jars, frames or fabric can be transformed into DIY projects. Upcycling not only helps you save money, but it also reduces waste by giving items a new life in your home.

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SELLER'S TIP

Plan Ahead for Leftovers

Before your garage sale begins, have a plan in place for unsold items. Set aside boxes for donations, recycling or online selling so you can easily sort leftover items at the end of the day. This will help you avoid feeling overwhelmed by what remains and ensure that nothing goes to waste.

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