

GARAGE SALES

Smarter Price Tags

Clear Labels Help Shoppers Find What They Need and Save Time

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Pricing also shapes the pace of the day. If buyers have to ask about every item, lines slow down and sellers may answer the same question dozens of times. Clear, consistent labels help prevent that confusion and keep the sale moving.

PRICING BASICS

A good system begins with consistency. Similar items should be marked in similar ways, whether that means using small adhesive stickers, preprinted labels or masking tape and a marker. Large, neat writing is easier to read from a short distance and helps reduce mix-ups at the checkout table.

Many sellers also group low-cost items by category. A table marked “Books \$1” or “Children’s clothes \$2 each” can cut down on individual tagging and still give shoppers a clear understanding of cost.



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Signs work best when they are placed where customers will see them before they start sorting through a box or rack.

LABELS THAT STAY PUT

The label itself matters almost as much as the price.

Paper stickers often work well on glass, plastic, metal and other smooth surfaces.

Masking tape can be useful on some household goods because it removes more easily than stronger adhesives, though sellers still may want to test it first on delicate fin-

ishes or older items.

String tags can help with baskets, tools, bags and other objects where a sticker may not hold well.

For folded clothing, pinning a tag or placing clothing in clearly marked size and price sections can make the display

easier to shop. The goal is simple: the price should stay with the item from the table to the payment area.

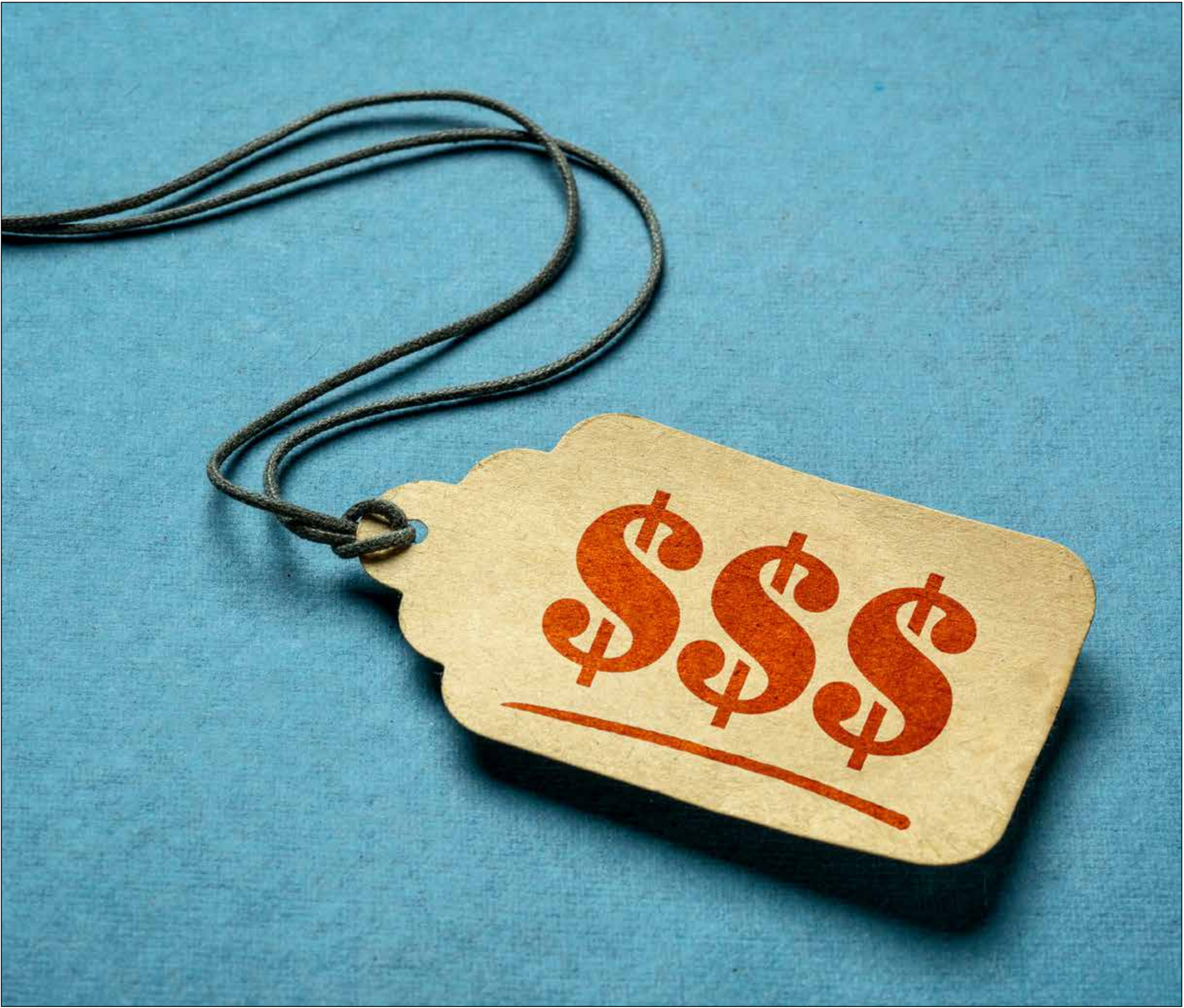
EASY ANSWERS

Clarity helps avoid awkward moments. If an item loses its tag, shoppers and sellers can wind up guessing, and that can lead to delays or misunderstandings. A basic pricing map, such as assigning one table to kitchenware and another to toys, can help sellers remember what an unmarked item was supposed to cost.

Color can help too, as long as the system is easy to explain. One color for 50-cent items and another for \$1 items may work if a sign is posted nearby. The key is to make the system visible so shoppers do not have to stop and ask for help every few minutes.

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SELLER’S TIP

Use Color by Price

Assign one color sticker to each price level and post a matching sign nearby. It saves writing time and gives shoppers quick answers.

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