

GARAGE SALES

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Strategies to Get the Best Deals on Secondhand Finds

Bargain hunting at garage sales is a skill that, when mastered, can lead to great deals and hidden treasures. But negotiating can be tricky.

To help you score the best finds, here are some tips for effective haggling at your next garage sale visit.

KNOW WHEN TO HAGGLE

Not every item at a garage sale is up for negotiation. Items that are already priced low or in high demand might not be discounted further.

Start by asking if prices are firm. If not, you're in the clear to negotiate, but be mindful of the seller's potential attachment to certain items.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Timing plays a critical role in negotiations. Early in the day, sellers may be less willing to lower prices since they hope to sell at the marked price.

Later in the day, however, they may be more open to discounts to avoid bringing items back inside. Strike a balance by showing interest without appearing desperate.

USE BODY LANGUAGE

Non-verbal cues can impact

your negotiation success. Maintain open, friendly body language. Smiling, making eye contact and avoiding defensive postures like crossing your arms can help build rapport with the seller.

Confidence is key. If you believe the item is worth your offer, the seller is more likely to agree.

BUNDLE FOR BETTER DEALS

One effective strategy is bundling, which means grouping several items together and offering a price for the lot. Sellers are often more inclined to give a discount on multiple items, especially if it helps them clear out more

stuff at once. Just be sure your bundle makes sense and includes items you genuinely want.

KNOW WHEN TO WALK AWAY

Sometimes, the best negotiation tactic is knowing when to walk away. If a seller is firm on a price that's beyond your

budget, politely thank them and move on.

There's a chance they might reconsider as you leave. If not, you'll find plenty of other deals elsewhere.

By mastering these negotiation strategies, you can walk away from your next garage sale with great finds at even better prices.



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BUYER'S TIP

Cash is King

When negotiating at garage sales, having cash on hand can give you an edge. Sellers are more likely to accept lower offers when payment is immediate and hassle-free. Bring small bills to make exact payments, which can also help in negotiations.

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