

GARAGE SALES

Don't Overlook the Garage

Why Tools, Hardware and Workshop Extras Can Sell Well at a Sale

Garage sales often start with closets, kitchens and kids' rooms. Yet one of the most useful places to search is the garage, where many households store hand tools, garden gear, leftover hardware and practical items that still have life left in them.

For shoppers, those goods can be an important part of the appeal.

For sellers, they can add variety to a sale and help clear out spaces that tend to collect duplicates, partly used supplies and equipment no longer needed.

USEFUL FINDS

The garage is often where everyday American work gets done.

Hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers and tape measures are common household tools, and many families end up with extras over time through moves, inherited items or long-finished projects.

Gardening equipment can also draw attention.

Hand trowels, pruning shears, rakes, hoses, watering cans and unused flowerpots are familiar garage sale finds, especially in spring and early summer when



many buyers are thinking about yard work.

Hardware has value too. Boxes of nails, screws, brackets, hinges and picture-hanging supplies may not seem exciting, but they can be useful to homeowners, renters and do-it-yourself shoppers looking for small items without making a trip to the store.

SORTING WITH CARE

A careful look matters before placing garage items out for sale. Sellers can group similar tools together, match loose hardware with labeled containers and set aside broken or unsafe items that should not be sold.

Cleanup helps presentation. Wiping dust from tool han-

dles, coiling hoses neatly and placing small parts in jars or trays can make a garage sale table easier to shop and easier to trust.

It also helps to check for complete sets. A socket wrench without its pieces or a drill without its charger may still interest someone, but buyers usually want to know

exactly what is included.

PRACTICAL APPEAL

Unlike some garage sale categories, tools and workshop extras serve a direct purpose.

A shopper may come looking for a picture frame or a side table, then leave with a level, extension cord or bag of potting containers because those are items people can put to work right away.

That practical side fits the spirit of a neighborhood sale. Garage sales have long offered a way for households to pass along usable goods locally, helping items stay in use while freeing up room at home.

For many communities, that mix of thrift and usefulness is part of the tradition.

A table of sorted tools beside household goods can make a sale feel more complete, and it may bring in shoppers who are scanning for more than décor or clothing.

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SELLER'S TIP

Group Small Hardware Together

Use jars, muffin tins or small boxes to keep screws, nails and hooks sorted. Shoppers are more likely to buy small parts when they can see them clearly.

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