



10 Tips for Having A Successful Garage Sale

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Garage sale season is underway! They can be a lot of work, so here are a few ways to help ensure your time is worth the effort.



1) Collect clutter year-round - Throughout the year, as you find items you no longer have a use for, pile them in a box. When you fill one box, start another. You'll be surprised at how much you've collected by the time garage sale season comes around.

2) Have a plan - A successful garage sale requires organization. At least a week before the sale, go through your home from top to bottom and clear out any clutter. At least 2-3 days before the sale, take an afternoon to price everything and organize it. Allow yourself enough time to advertise and get cash and signs ready.

3) Team up - Combine your sale with friends or family. You'll have more stuff to sell and more variety. You'll also have more help.

4) Consider the location - This is key to a successful garage sale. If you don't live near a busy street or intersection, look at having your garage sale at a friend or relative's house that does.

5) Timing is everything - Check the weather

forecast ahead of time to make sure rain isn't expected. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays are typically good days for garage sales.

6) Mark prices clearly - It's much more efficient to put price stickers on everything, rather than making up prices on the spot. Some people are too shy to ask the price of an item, so you'll lose a sale if an item isn't marked.

7) Price items to sell - People expect to pay yard sale prices. Try to price things at what you feel would be a good bargain if you were buying the item at someone else's sale.

8) Advertise - Put some time and effort into making a number of quality, clearly-readable signs which you put in conspicuous places to easily lead to your sale. Don't forget it's FREE to advertise on Craigslist!

9) Cut prices on the last day - Things are usually pretty picked over by the last day of the sale. That's the perfect opportunity to get creative and offer bargains!

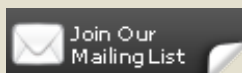
10) Don't forget the cookies and lemonade - Make this a teachable moment for your children. Let them earn a little money in the process by setting up their own cookie and lemonade stand at the sale.

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