



4 Ways to Make Money Off Your Spring Cleaning

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Tomorrow is the first day of spring! Clearing out the clutter and organizing your space is a great way to kick off this new season. Whether you're cleaning out closets or reorganizing an entire room, don't overlook the chance to earn some extra cash from your efforts.

Below are 4 ways to make money off your spring-cleaning.

1) Recycle electronics

There's no use keeping your old cellphone, printer or digital camera if you don't plan to use them again. If they're still in good condition, consider recycling them at an electronics store to earn store credit toward a future electronics purchase.

2) Organize or participate in a neighborhood garage sale

Plan it for a warmer weekend to get everyone out and encourage participants to promote the event for a successful sale. This can be the perfect place to sell old gadgets, furniture, books and collectibles while socializing with people in the neighborhood.

3) Cash out at the consignment store

If cleaning out your clothes closet is high on the to-do list this spring, make sure you know where to sell those items for the right price. Drop off a bag of items at a local consignment store like [Plato's Closet](#) that specializes in teen and 20-something brand clothing, or [Clothes Mentor](#) that buys and sells designer clothing for all ages.

4) Donate to charity

You won't earn cash on-the-spot for donations to Goodwill or The Salvation Army but you could be eligible for an itemized deduction on your tax return if your donated items are valued at more than \$500. If you have a significant amount of closet cleaning to do this

season, this may be a great way to "earn" a higher tax refund or reduce your tax liability.

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