

Garage Sale Checklist

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☐ Planning

- ☐ Do a thorough spring cleaning.
- ☐ Sort through your household for unwanted items.
- ☐ Price your items.
- ☐ Pick a date and time for your sale.
- ☐ Set an alternate date (in the event of rain).
- ☐ Research community rules.
- ☐ Arrange post sale charity pick up.

☐ Preparing

- ☐ Prepare your ad; give the address and hours of the sale.
- ☐ Place your ad in local newspapers.
- ☐ Use free garage sale advertising sites.
- ☐ Put up flyers on local community boards.
- ☐ Inform your family, friends and neighbours.
- ☐ Make sure items are cleaned and repaired.
- ☐ Make your signs and determine where signs will go.

☐ Sale Day

- ☐ Set up your tables and display areas and proper lighting.
- ☐ Make the displays attractive and interesting.
- ☐ Put away any pets that may cause a distraction.
- ☐ Set up a "freebies" box for items you wish to give away.
- ☐ Get refreshments ready.
- ☐ Get checkout area ready.
- ☐ Put up signs at strategic street corners.
- ☐ Label all items with self-adhesive price tags.
- ☐ Make sure your house is locked up and fully secure.
- ☐ Open the gates/door to your sale.
- ☐ Greet all customers with a freindly smile.
- ☐ Sell!

☐ After the Sale

- ☐ Remove neighborhood sign advertisements.

- ☐ Repack and store unsold items you want to keep for future sales.
- ☐ Throwaway items that have no further use.
- ☐ Count your money and rejoice!