

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!