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GARAGE SALES

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Tips for a Successful Garage Sale

Planning

- Date & Start Plan
- Choosing Site/Location: With Enclosed Options (Tents, community facility)
 - Adequate Space
 - Parking for customers
 - Electricity
 - Hot/Cold Water (Optional)
- Signage: Yard Sale, Date, Time, Location
- Line up volunteers

Preparation

- Space where you can start accumulating items for sale
- If you are donating leftovers, find out who will come and pick them up or where you can take them immediately after sale.
- Price items with stickers
- Acquire Tables for Merchandise
- Clothing Racks

Pricing Your Items

- Take the time to clearly mark items that you will be putting into your sale
- For similar items, such as paperback books, it is acceptable to put up a sign with one price pint. Example "All Paperback Books – 50 Cents Each"
- Use quarter-dollar pricing increments to simplify calculating the payment process
- Generally, figure around one-fifth of the retail price for pricing items.

Merchandising Your Items

- Wash and Clean Everything
- Use tables, easier viewing of item for customers
- Hang clothing like dresses, suits, skirts, blazers, coats and jackets
- Designate a table for folded clothing. Include sweaters, t-shirts, jeans, and selected baby clothing
- Sheets, drapers, blankets and bedspreads should be neatly folded, Use Ribbon to tie grouped items together and price a set.
- Place your most appealing items within eyes shot of the street so people driving by can see them.
- Mark measurements for things like curtains & drapes, sheets etc.
- Group Items together
 - Kitchen Items
 - Kids stuff

- Books
- Clothing

Day of Sale

- Post signs early in AM
- Cash Box with change.
 - Roll of Quarters,
 - Roll of Loonies & Toonies
 - 5 - \$5 Bills
 - 4 - \$10 Bills
 - 2 - \$20 Bills
- Paper or Plastic Bags
- Calculators, pens, newspaper to wrap breakable & boxes.
- Electricity, extension cords plugged in so that electrical items can be tested.
- Designate person/s to be in charge of the money box
- Designate person/s to keep close eye on any small valuable items.
- Designate person/s to keep merchandise organized and arranged so is appealing to buyers.

Raise More Cash Ideas

- Sell cold cans water/pop
- Lemonade Stand
- Sell puffed wheat squares and rice Krispies individually wrapped



Sell \$.50 cent bags of chewy candy