

Garage sale checklist

After you've set the date, here's a checklist to help you prepare:

3 weeks prior to sale

- Talk with neighbors who may want to join sale.
- Select and gather items.
- Check for rules and laws governing sales in your neighborhood.
- Visit garage sales to see price ranges.
- Call a charity to arrange post-sale pickup time for unsold items.
- Write and place ad in papers and on Web.

1 week prior

- Clean sale items.
- Repair items.
- Inventory items.
- Get \$40 to \$50 in coins and small bills for change.
- Organize and group items for sale.
- Price items.
- Make sale signs.
- Scout areas to place signs.
- Post signs on community bulletin boards.
- Round up small boxes and bags.

The day before

- Remove everything from area that is not for sale.
- Set up tables.
- Place and arrange sale items by category.
- Set up your "bank."
- Make refreshments.
- Set aside:
 - Calculator
 - Bags and small boxes
 - Paper and pen
 - Newspapers to wrap breakables
 - Extension cords
 - Tape measure

Day of sale

- Put up your signs.
- Lock your home.
- Open your sale.

After the sale

- Deposit cash.
- Remove your signs.
- Wait for charity pickup.

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