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BITTERROOT 50 MILE GARAGE SALE

More than 250 garage sales will line U.S. 93 through Montana, offering farm-fresh goods, barbecue, garage sale items, antiques and more. No matter the weather, shoppers turn out for the sale every June, finding unexpected treasures along the way.

THE FINGER LAKES FIFTY MILE GARAGE SALE

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SELLER'S TIP

Large Sales Make Planning Easy

Joining one of these sales takes a lot of the work out of setting up your garage sale. Just register your site, sort your goods and get ready to welcome shoppers on the appointed weekend. Do make sure to plan for weather; most of these events advertise as being on whether its pleasant or not.

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