

GARAGE SALES

Selling Without a Garage Sale

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Fortunately, there are other ways to sell your used stuff for a profit.

NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIEDS

Your local newspaper has always been a great place to list items large and small for sale. From a record collection to an RV, your local classifieds section has it all.

CONSIGNMENT STORES

A consignment store sells your stuff for a portion of the proceeds, usually on a 30-day, 60-day or 90-day run. Consignment stores are a great option for good quality children's clothes and toys, luxury items, musical instruments or athletic gear.

RESALE SHOPS

Some shops will pay you on the spot for used stuff, mainly clothing and accesso-



ries. Be prepared to take a hit on price, but they will usually take the whole lot that day. Make sure the items you bring are clean, in good repair and still reasonably stylish.

POSHMARK

Another great option for clothing and accessories, including bath and body items, is the resale app and website Poshmark. You photograph and list your

own items and people around the country browse and buy.

FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE

Social media giant Facebook

also has a commerce side, the Marketplace, where you can list items for sale. The submission form is easy and straightforward, and other users can contact you about your goods and leave ratings when the transaction is completed. Most Facebook users meet to complete the transaction; be sure to bring a friend or meet in a safe place. Some police stations have special meeting zones just for this purpose.

NEXTDOR

The app where the neighbors go to complain about loud stereos and barking dogs also has a retail listing option. These listings don't reach as far as Facebook Marketplace, but there is a better chance that you may know, or at least be able to find, the buyer.

LETGO AND OTHER APPS

Another online marketplace website and app, Letgo launched in 2015 and is a social app solely for selling and buying locally. Other apps like it include OfferUp, Mercari and Decluttr.

EBAY

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SELLER'S TIP

Protect Yourself

Even though each one of these sites has security measures in place, there are ways to protect yourself. Only meet people in public places and bring a friend, if possible. Use third-party payment apps, like those offered through your bank or Paypal. If you end up shipping items, insure the package and spring for tracking in case anything happens.

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