

GARAGE SALES

Online Thrifting

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Here are some apps to help you get your deal on without ever putting on pants.

POSHMARK

Poshmark bills itself as a shopping community with millions of users buying and selling gently used clothing and accessories for women, men and kids, and even some home goods. The app allows you to both buy and sell, and the seller ships the items to the buyer using a prepaid shipping label from the company. For buyers, Poshmark guarantees your money back if the item isn't what you ordered and it offers free authentication on luxury items.

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women's and kids' apparel, shoes and accessories.

MERCARI

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delivery or shipping. The company says more than 50 million people have downloaded their app in the United States and 350,000 items are listed every day.

DEPOP

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gories for womenswear, menswear, jewelry, beauty and more. The app allows you to open a store or sell just a few items. It's owned by Etsy, the online marketplace for unique and creative items. Which brings us to ...

ETSY

This app started out as a marketplace for handmade items, but now includes a little bit of everything. There are vintage shops, craft shops, jewelry and accessories and just about anything else you can think of. If you're looking for specific collectibles or vintage finds, this is a great place to go hunting.

FLYP

Flyp is an app that connects you with a professional bulk seller who takes your items, photographs, lists and sells them for you. The pro handles pricing and negotiation, then passes your portion of the proceeds on to you. Depending on the value of your lot, you can make anywhere between 40% and 60% of the profit, the company says. The pro sellers sell your items on other apps such as eBay, Poshmark and more, and their cut of the proceeds pays those fees as well as their time for photography; listings; handling buyer inquiries and notifications; payment processing and shipping.

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SELLER'S TIP

Choose an App Based on Items

Which app you use depends on how much time you want to devote to selling and what kinds of items you have to sell. If you have mostly clothing and not a lot of time, consider using a service like Flyp. If you have home goods and making more money is important to you, look to a mostly self-service app such as Poshmark.

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