

# GARAGE SALES

## Selling Safely

Whether your garage sale is indoors, outdoors or online, keeping your family and your things safe (even if you want to get rid of them) is important. Here are some tips for having a safe and profitable sale.

### INDOOR SALES

If you've got a lot to sell or if the weather's inclement, you may decide to hold your sale indoors. If you do, make sure to put the things you want to keep behind a locked door. If you're in a garage or a workshop, put away any dangerous or valuable tools where they can't be seen or accessed. Have the space well lit and entrances and exits clearly marked and, if possible, watched.

Be prepared for people to track in mud, water and other things into your space. If it's a home, you may want to lay down plastic sheets to keep things clean and tidy. But look out for any trip hazards or tight spaces, and leave plenty of room for people to maneuver so that nothing gets broken.



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### OUTDOOR SALES

If you're spreading out in your yard or driveway, make sure to set up tables on a solid surface so they don't topple or wobble. Make sure you have lots of room to navigate between tables. Keep your

money well away from other items and recruit plenty of help to watch over it. Don't let shoppers into your home for any reason at all, and don't let them into workshops, garages, storage sheds or anything else on the property.

Also look out for greens, plants, roots and other hazards in your yard. Protect your flowerbeds with a quick line of caution tape from the hardware store, and stake off any exposed tree roots or tender vegetation you don't want

to be trampled.

### ONLINE SALES

Holding a virtual garage sale via app or social media is increasingly popular, but both buyer and seller need to be wary. Not everyone is truthful about who they are online and not everyone intends to pay you for your merchandise.

If you plan on selling online, set a public place to meet your buyer. Many police departments or sheriff's departments have places at their offices where you can meet. Other good candidates for meeting places are well-lit gas stations, shopping centers and public offices. If you can, bring a friend with you. Don't let people come to your home and don't give out your address if you can help it.

### ALL SALES

No matter what kind of sale you have, you need to make sure you have the following:

- Plenty of room for people to park and maneuver. If you can, give your neighbors fair warning that there will be extra traffic in the area. Try to be as accommodating and respectful as possible.
- Plenty of room between tables and items.
- Your money and valuable items in a safe place with restricted access.
- Another set of eyes to help you keep an eye on your sale.

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### SELLER'S TIP

#### No Drama

Watch out for drama, especially when selling on social media. Put all your terms in the post — like cash only, or no holds — and stick to your guns.

## AD SPACE