

# Garage Sale Day Checklist

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Run a smooth, profitable sale with clear signs, simple prices, and fast checkout. Pre-sort, bundle, and donate leftovers same day.

## Supplies

- Tables/racks, tarps, blankets for ground display
- Price dots or painter's tape + marker, pre-made signs
- Change box with small bills/coins; mobile payment app (optional)
- Bags/boxes for buyers, extension cord to test items
- Hand wipes, sunscreen/hat, water/snacks

## Quick Rules

- Group like items together and keep aisles clear.
- Simple price bands (\$1, \$3, \$5, \$10); mark tables by color/label.
- Bundle deals: 'fill-a-bag' or 'any 3 for \$5' for smalls.
- Keep a 'hold' zone near checkout; tag large items 'SOLD' with name/phone.
- Donate or free-curb leftovers immediately after close.

## 1) Signage & Ads (30–45 min)

- Place signs at key turns the evening before; add arrows and hours.
- Post to local groups/apps with photos, categories, and start time.

## 2) Setup & Flow (45–60 min)

- Tables in a U or rows; wide aisles; 'New/Best' table front and center.
- Extension cord for testing; mirror for clothing; rack for hanging.

## 3) Pricing & Bundles (30 min)

- Price by table color/labels (e.g., Green=\$1, Blue=\$3).
- Create a \$1 'treasure bin' and a 'fill-a-bag' box near checkout.

## 4) Checkout Station (10–15 min)

- Change box with \$1s/\$5s/quarters; calculator; receipt pad (optional).
- Offer mobile payment if comfortable; mark SOLD tags for holds.

## 5) Early Birds & Haggling (ongoing)

- State 'no early sales' in listing; smile and open on time.
- Counter politely; use bundle discounts instead of big single cuts.

## 6) Kids Area & Free Box (optional)

- Set a 'Kids \$1 table' and a clearly labeled 'Free' box.
- Keep small toys grouped in zip bags by theme to sell faster.

## 7) Weather & Comfort (5–10 min)

- Shade for cashier; sunscreen and water for helpers.
- Secure signs/tablecloths with clips; tarp ready if rain.

## 8) Safety & Security (ongoing)

- Keep cash on you in a waist pouch; lock house/garage door.
- No bills over a set amount? Post a small sign if desired.

## 9) Closing Routine (15–20 min)

- Slash prices in last hour; do a final 'any item \$1' call.
- Box leftovers by Donate/Sell-Online, remove signs on the way back.

## 10) Post-Sale Reset (15–20 min)

- Drop donations same day or schedule pickup; list best items online.
- Count cash, note earnings, and store supplies together for next time.