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Sale date _____

Rain date _____

Garage sale checklist

Plan, price and sell in one weekend. Works for a yard sale too.

2 to 3 weeks before

- [ ] Pick a date (Saturday morning is busiest) and a back up date
- [ ] Check local rules on permits, signs and selling on the sidewalk
- [ ] Go room by room: attic, garage, closets, kitchen, toys
- [ ] Sort everything into sell, donate, recycle and keep
- [ ] Ask the neighbors to join in: bigger sales draw more buyers

1 week before

- [ ] Clean everything and test anything electrical
- [ ] Price every item with a sticker, and make $1 and 50¢ boxes
- [ ] Advertise in local Facebook groups, Nextdoor and community boards
- [ ] Make big, clear signs with the date, time, address and an arrow
- [ ] Borrow tables, a clothes rack and blankets
- [ ] Get small bills and coins, and set up card or phone payments

The day before

- [ ] Put up the signs, where you are allowed to
- [ ] Set out the tables and group things by type
- [ ] Gather bags, newspaper for fragile things and an extension cord
- [ ] Charge your phone and the card reader

On the day

- [ ] Start on time: the keenest buyers come early
- [ ] Put the best things at the front, where people passing can see them
- [ ] Keep the money on you, never in an unattended box
- [ ] Offer bundle deals and halve prices in the last hour

Afterwards

- [ ] Take down every sign
- [ ] Donate or recycle what did not sell, or book a donation pickup
- [ ] Update your list of what is gone and what is left in storage
- [ ] Count the money

Notes