



# Garage Sale Tips

Moving house provides a great opportunity for a big clean-up around your home. This task may appear a bit overwhelming at first, so have a plan in place to help you get started. Firstly, sort your unwanted gear into 3 groups - rubbish, charity items and items for inclusion in a garage sale

## The following are general tips for Garage Sales:

- Organise your garage sale well in advance.
- It is advisable to just allocate one day for a Garage Sale. Saturday is the most popular day for Garage Sales.
- You can also designate a specific start and finish time. It is not unusual for some second hand dealers to knock on your door before the sun has risen if you haven't specified a strict start time.
- Choose your products for a garage sale carefully. Household goods such as appliances, furniture, camping gear, sporting goods, toys in good condition, kitchen gear and tools generally sell well.
- Clothes don't generally sell for a high price at a garage sale. Brand name children's clothes in good condition can be an exception to this.
- Items should be clean and in working order.
- Place a classified ad in your major city newspaper. List the most popular items in the ad.
- Place a notice on bulletin boards at your local supermarket, community centre, club or other public place.
- Use attractive signs to direct people to your garage sale (check with your local council on rules regarding this).
- Ensure that you have cash on hand for change. Keep the cash on you at all times (a bum bag or small shoulder bag is good for this).
- Ensure that your garage sale items are all in one area of your yard. Otherwise you may have people wandering all over your property.
- Ensure that your house and other property are well secured during your garage sale.
- Display your gear in an attractive way. Group them into similar items. Place stickers or signs with prices marked clearly.
- Be prepared to drop your price as finish time gets closer.
- Arrange for any unsold goods to go to charity.

## Charity Web Sites:

[www.thesmithfamily.com.au](http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au)

[www.salvos.org.au](http://www.salvos.org.au)

[www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

## Goods for Sale:

[www.ebay.com.au](http://www.ebay.com.au)

[www.tradingpost.com.au](http://www.tradingpost.com.au)