

# The Gainesville Zero Waste News

## 5 Garage Sale Hacks To Get the Most Money For Your Stuff

When you want to unload a bunch of unwanted items quickly and make a little cash, nothing beats hosting your own garage sale. Garage sales can be a fun and profitable experience if you know a few quick hacks to get the most money for your stuff.

- **Have Plenty to Sell** – The more and more varied items you have, the more buyers you'll attract. Add to your inventory by asking family and friends if they have items to sell. Also, consider partnering with a neighbor on your garage sale.
- **Time for a Dust Off** – A quick cleaning of items will make them more presentable, which means you'll sell them for more money. Buyers aren't looking for new items, but they want to know that things have been well cared for and are in good condition.



- **Make Sure the Price is Right** – One of the hardest parts of a garage sale is figuring out the starting price of items. If priced too high, you may lose potential buyers, and if priced too low, there go your profits. For larger or vintage items, you might want to research how much similar used items are selling for online. Also, be flexible on your pricing and be prepared to do a little haggling with some buyers.
- **Organize Your Stuff** – Separate and display your items in categories such as clothing, toys, kitchenware, etc. Consider placing books or DVDs in boxes marked with the same price for everything inside. Making shopping easier for buyers will keep them focused on what they want to buy instead of trying to sort through clutter.
- **Get Paid** – Cash is king, but don't expect everyone to be able to pay that way. Be prepared to accept payments like Venmo, PayPal, or CashApp to accommodate a wider range of buyers. Consider having one person in charge of taking payments so that money doesn't go missing during your sale. Also, be sure to have a good supply of smaller bills and quarters available to make change.

A successful garage sale requires careful planning, organization, and creativity, but it can be fun, especially when counting up all your profits afterward.

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