



GARAGE SALES

Garage sales are a great way to recycle and reuse unwanted items in the community. Have you ever heard the saying "One person's rubbish is another's treasure"?

People love a bargain and the excitement of the unknown with garage sales. We have all found a bargain too good to resist.

Garage sales also help to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, encourage reuse and repair, and provide an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable way to consume.

Tips for holding a garage sale:

- Position signs in suitable locations leading into your road the evening before the garage sale. Put the address and opening hours on the sign;
- Be prepared for professional 'garage sales' to come early looking for collectables, keep your garage doors closed and advertise the starting time to avoid early birds;
- Hold your garage sale on the same day as other events in your town ie. Market day or sporting events;
- Keep your prices low, people come to a garage sale for a bargain and you don't want to be left with things at the end of the day;
- Decide what your lowest acceptable price is and be prepared for people to bargain;
- Pricing items gives people a starting point and allows you to be prepared for the bargaining;
- Take any unsold items to your local op shop .

WHAT CAN I (or our school) DO ABOUT IT?

- Organise a garage sale as a fundraiser for your class to raise money for a school trip or a special cause your class is interested in. Get everyone from your class to drop off items to your school during the week. Organise a roster for people to help out on the day and to take any unsold items to the op shop;
- Check out garage sales in your area this Saturday, you might just find those computer games, surfboard, bicycle or clothes you've been looking for;
- Organise a garage sale with a group of friends to get rid of your unwanted clothing and old games. You might make enough cash to go second hand shopping for some recycled fashion!!

MORE INFORMATION

Your local or regional newspaper has a weekly listing of garage sales occurring in your neighbourhood.

Second Hand Saturday is held every second year by the North East Waste Forum (NEWF) www.northeastwasteforum.org.au

It offers people the opportunity to advertise their garage sales for free once they have registered with their local councils. Check out the NEWF website for further information.

Old and Gold Festival Brunswick Heads is held on the Queens Birthday weekend every year in Brunswick Heads, Byron Shire. It is a full day of garage sales and second hand furniture and clothing bazaar. Up to 150 shops and private garage sales are open on the day. You are sure to find a bargain.

Reuse Directory www.reusedirectory.com

The Reuse Directory comprises of a wide range of reuse and repair businesses and organisations in northern NSW. Its aim is to promote 'reuse' as an alternative shopping option, rather than buying new goods created with virgin resources. It's all about waste reduction (of both resources and your money!) and caring for our future.