

Garage and Yard Sales

YARD SALE

Yard sales can be fun, exciting and a great way to raise funds for your favorite charity . Take this opportunity to do some major spring/fall house cleaning. This is the time to rid your house and garage of any unwanted items that have been taking up much needed space. You will be amazed at what people may be interested in purchasing. Remember the old saying, "One man's trash is another man's treasure."

TIPS AND HINTS:

Collect items to sell – Follow this simple rule of thumb, if you have not used or worn an item in over a year, you probably will not use it. If items are taking up precious space in your home, why not donate them to the yard sale.

Announce it early:

Put out the word that you plan to have this sale and the funds collected will be used to help feed the children of the home. Friends, family, churches, office associateswe all have things we could donate. If you ask they will respond and some will even volunteer to work with you setting up, selling and even clean up!!

Broaden the Effort:

You could even coordinate a multi-event to add to traffic flow and fund raising. For instance maybe someone would want to combine another fundraiser event like BBQ dinners, Ice Cream or Lemonade sells. These other fund raisers would add people walking through the yard and as they pass yard sale items they will purchase. This way funds can be raised for the home through the items sold in the yard sale and from dinners, ice cream or whatever other sale or service could be offered.

Display items to attract the attention of the general public.

The more items you have for sale, the bigger the crowds you will attract.

Pre-price all items prior to the day of your sale. Use your best judgment on the value of items and be realistic. However, always be prepared to sell the item for less. Remember to bargain with the customer, if necessary. Bargaining is part of the fun of holding a yard sale.

When using the bargaining approach, always do your best to please the customer, but remember your goal is to raise funds.

Place small items in bins and label bins with price such as: items in this bin \$1.00 each

Contact city/town hall to inquire regarding local yard sale permit requirements.

Place a listing in the "Calendar Section" of your local newspaper. Ask community announcements to publicize your fundraising event and that the funds will be for the feeding and education of underprivileged children. You can even ask if they would run a collection announcement several months before the actual yard sale to ask people to donate items to be sold.

Create posters to hang around your neighborhood.

Remember these type fundraisers can be done several times a year if one has access to items to sale and is excited about these type of events.