

How to turn those castoffs into garage sale gold

As the warmer weather is upon us, it brings many new activities, from baseball to picnics to garage sales.

It's the time of the year when people are purging what they don't need, and is the perfect opportunity to turn their trash into your treasure. From outdated odds and ends to forgotten furniture, there is a wealth of worthy items just waiting to be found, re-imagined, and re-purposed. Take a look at these ideas:

Pretty in Paint

Rusty metal, chipped paint, colours from another decade – these are all-too-common sights for the garage sale shopper. But look beyond these imperfections – and at their spray paint potential – and you'll soon find some diamonds in the rough.

Metal products, such as tables, chairs, garden tools or even watering cans, can receive an easy and instant update with a spray paint like Rust Protector from Krylon. It is available in a variety of colours and dries in just eight minutes, so as you create your new masterpieces, you don't have to worry about grass, leaves or other particles getting stuck in a fresh coat of paint.



It provides the ultimate protection against rust, keeping your new treasures looking amazing regardless of the elements they face.

New Uses for Old Things

The key to finding items at garage sales is to look at how they can be used in new and different ways. Don't view that dusty, broken typewriter or vintage camera as mechanical pieces you have to fix, but rather as interesting design elements to be

admired on bookshelves and mantels.

Even old books can add a level of sophistication to your home. Grab a handful in coordinating colours to stack on a dresser or end table for instant eye appeal. Buy an old ladder and prop it against the wall as a place to drape blankets. You can even spray paint an old coffee mug rack to create a fabulous jewelry organizer where you can hang all your

favourites.. The possibilities are endless.

Turn Treasure Into Sold

If your main reason for getting giddy over garage sales is to make a quick buck, you're not alone. Valuable items lurk at each and every turn, and they are just waiting to be snatched up by an eager buyer. Doing your research and reading up on collectibles is a great place to start. Generally, pieces with high nostalgia value will fetch a higher price tag. Think classic lunch boxes, comic books, sports memorabilia or board games – things you loved as a kid and that never seem to go out of style. You can also enlist the help of a collectibles expert to tell you everything you need to know.

So, as you head outdoors this summer on a hunt for some bargain fixer-upper or forgotten gems, keep your eyes peeled and your mind open. The perfect addition to your home is right around the corner. You just have to use your imagination and bring it back to life.

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