



Cash in on Your Clutter

Auctioneers and Dealers are the fastest way to dispose of a lot of items in the shortest amount of time.

- Depending upon the type of items you have, auctioneers will offer cash for your belongings before or after they sell it. Compare auctioneer fees.
- The hardest part of dealing with an auctioneer is letting go of the thought that your stuff is worth a lot of money. Many times it is not.

Consignment Stores are a great way to sell your unneeded items and benefit local stores.

- Most stores split the selling price or offer store credit. Some stores donate your items to charity after it doesn't sell, which is a win-win.
- Stores only accept items in season, so don't try to sell Christmas items in July.

Craigslist.org is a free on-line community posting board. It's a great way to sell items even though it gets a bad rap because of a few bad apples.

- When you sign up you will be issued an alias e-mail and you'll need to respond to any emails sent to you.
- Meet at a public location if you like or at least move the item to your garage if you don't want someone in your home.
- Merchandise should be for pick up only, cash only, and I always add 'or best offer' to the price.

Ebay.com is a great way to sell items. The Clutter Crew has been a Power Seller for over 10 years.

- Find an ebay.com consigner in your area by looking on the Internet or YellowPages.com. They charge a fee, but if you find a reputable Power Seller who is Top Rated, it's worth it.

Freecycle.org is an entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own communities. There is no fee to join.

- Recycle your item(s) by giving it away for free on freecycle.org. You can also list your items on Craig's List under Curb Alert and leave it on the curb.
- There's no money exchanged, but your items don't end up in the landfills so that's as good as money.

Smartphone Apps. There are a lot of apps out there to sell your items and they change daily. Try a few at the same time and see what kind of results you get.

Social Media. Selling to friends is the best way to get the word out there: Email, Facebook (Facebook Yard sales), Instagram, Twitter or Constant Contact.

Tax Relief. If you itemize your deductions, you can decrease your taxable income and pay less tax with donations to non-profit agencies. Get a tax receipt, complete Form 8283 (if total deductions are over \$500) and pay less tax. It can really add up. See the Handout Donating Items to Non-profit Agencies on this website for more details.

Yard/Garage/Moving Sales. Yard sales can be a lot of work, but if you advertise, get the kids involved and make a day of it, you can use the profits for a family outing. See the Handout Yard Sale Success on this website for more details.