



# 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 Googling Ebay power sellers. 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: e.g. Cell60, Gazelle, LetGo, OfferUp, ThredUp, etc. 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 Marketplace or community yard sales, Instagram, Twitter or Constant Contact.

**Tax Relief.** If you itemize your deductions, you may be able to decrease your taxable income and pay less tax with donations to non-profit agencies. Get a tax receipt and complete Form 8283 (if total deductions are over \$500). Talk to your tax accountant for current information. 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.