



2020 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

**-The Sanders County Yard Sale Event –
June 26 & 27, 2020**

YES! I would like to be a participant of the **Sanders County Yard Sale Event** and hold a sale the weekend of June 26 -27, 2020. Pass along your gems, make some money AND support your community! This event will be highly advertised throughout the tri-state area.

COST: Individual/Non-Profits: **\$20** (Includes Classified Ad in Ledger, Valley Press and media outside Sanders County/Inclusion on Sale Listing on www.Sanders-saleing.com)

Your Participation includes:

- Your printed classified ad in SC Ledger and Valley Press week of SCYSE
- Inclusion on www.Sanders-Saleing.com online sale listing
- Banners and posters throughout County directing traffic to your sale
- Plus, your contribution goes toward event ads in regional newspapers that bring shoppers from outside out county!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE ---JUNE 8TH --- Applications WILL NOT be accepted after deadline

Name/Organization (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

e-mail address _____

Phone/Contact _____

Please mark sale day(s) Friday Saturday **Sale Hours:** _____

Brief description of items available _____

Physical address & Location of the sale (include Directions): ****MUST HAVE PERMISSION TO USE SALE LOCATION ****
-Please note that sales located within one mile of Hwy 200/56/28 have a much higher attendance than those farther away _____

Questions? Please contact: Thompson Falls Main Street at yardsale@thompsonfallsmainstreet.org or 406-827-2991
Visit www.sanders-saleing.com for event information



Mail this form and your check to:
Thompson Falls Main Street, Inc.
PO Box 333
Thompson Falls, MT 59873

**Please make all Checks
payable to –
Thompson Falls Main
Street, Inc.**



Cost: \$20

Includes classified ad in Sanders County Ledger, the Valley Press and on <http://www.sanders-saleing.com> official website for the event, including a brief description or your sale items, time of your sale and your sale location

"Official sale" signage! And the event is advertised throughout the tri-state area.

What a deal!!!

TIPS FOR A GREAT SALE:

Gather Your Goods

Garage sales offer a great way to declutter and downsize your house. Grab a box and go through every room. Pick up anything you don't want or haven't used in months and toss it in. Don't forget closets, attics, basements, and garages as these are usually treasure troves for garage sale finds. Don't underestimate the value of what you find either; people will buy anything from old CDs to unwanted bottles of perfume. After all, the worst case scenario is that something doesn't sell.

Pro Tip: Have any old power strips, cell phone chargers, or USB cables you're not using? Throw them in a separate shoe box to sell at the garage sale. It doesn't matter if you're not sure what that charger even worked for; someone may buy it.

Get Supplies

Make sure you have everything you need at least a day before the garage sale starts. You'll need chairs to sit on, a table or other flat surface to take payments and provide change, and plenty of areas to display your goods. Don't waste money on renting or buying tables. You can find or make enough surfaces to suit your needs. For example, I gather up all of the card tables and patio furniture I can find for placing breakable items on. For smaller, non-breakable items, I put a board over two milk crates. For clothes, you can use a garment rack or hang them on hangers off the top of your garage door.

Pro Tip: Keep tables with breakables off to the side of your sale or against a fence. Unattended kids love to run underneath tables, so the more centrally located they are, the higher risk you run of the table being knocked over.

Don't Forget the Change

Odds are, you'll have to make \$19.95 in change for your first customer. Make sure you have fives, ones, and at least twenty dollars in quarters. You can get them from your bank, but you'll have to go inside a branch to do it.

Pro Tip: Ask the bank for a reusable cash envelope. Many branches are happy to give you one. You can use the envelope to run extra money back into the house throughout the garage sale so you won't have tons of cash lying around outside.

Sort Your Items

Sort before your price. It's the easiest way to keep your garage sale organized and make it easy on potential buyers. Dedicate a room in your house to garage sale planning and divide all of your items by category, such as clothes, books, home goods, and kids' toys.

Pro Tip: If you have a lot of clothes, divide them by men's, women's, and children's. Most people are looking for something specific and will appreciate the organization.

Price Your Items

It's best if you price your items individually rather than just group them into boxes with one price sign. As the garage sale progresses, people will get the boxes mixed up and you'll have a hard time keeping it organized. To price items, I just use a roll of manila tape and a Sharpie, which is a lot cheaper than going out and buying fancy price tags.

Pro Tip: Don't increase your prices on the assumption that everyone likes to haggle. While many people do enjoy a good verbal match, some will just walk away if they think items are priced too high.

Organize and Arrange Your Sale

Arrange your tables and put all the clothes on hangers the night before the garage sale. No matter what you tell yourself, you won't have enough time to do it in the morning. I arrange everything the night before and store it in the garage for safekeeping. Map out where everything will be placed to make the morning setup as easy as possible and to keep it in a logical and organized fashion for customers.

Pro Tip: If you can't put everything in the garage the night before, group similar items into laundry baskets and boxes. You will save time in the morning if you only have to pull items out of boxes that don't require further separation.

HAVE FUN AND MAKE SOME EXTRA CASH!!!