

# Tips for Shoppers

## City-Wide Garage Sale



If you would like to do a little garage shopping yourself, here are a few tips to help improve your shopping experience and find a few bargains.

- 👉 Early birds should respect a host's decision to welcome guests at the advertised time. Rude and intimidating bargain hunters are unwelcome at any hour.
- 👉 Many hosts will not accept personal cheques. Visit a teller machine before you begin your shopping day. Remember to carry some small bills and change for small purchases.
- 👉 Drive carefully on neighbourhood streets. Most City of Port Coquitlam residents place a high value on their children, elders, pets and wildlife. Anticipate distracted pedestrians and frightened animals.
- 👉 Resist the temptation to double park, block driveways, or park on the wrong side of the street. A traffic citation or fender bender will diminish the thrill of a good bargain.
- 👉 Respect the effort that went into your hosts' landscaping. Navigate plantings with care.
- 👉 Refrain from offending hosts by ridiculing their items or the value they attach to possessions. Most reasonable offers are usually accepted. Civilized negotiations may get you a better deal.
- 👉 Relax and enjoy the day. You have a rare opportunity to make new friends, meet new neighbours and bring home a new treasure or two.

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**Good Luck!**