

GARAGE HOPPERS LEARNING GUIDE

How to Use Garage Hoppers for an Estate Sale

A practical guide to posting a simple estate sale, adding the optional organizer workspace, presenting individual items, tracking availability, branding the sale, and printing signs.

Use this guide alongside Garage Hoppers. The website remains the source of truth for live dates, listings, approvals, maps, and printable signs.

Choose the estate-sale setup that fits

Garage Hoppers supports two estate-sale paths. A regular estate-sale listing is the fastest choice and works like any other sale ad. The optional organizer workspace adds individual inventory, item photos, status tracking, branding, and sale-day tools without creating a second listing.

- Simple listing: dates, hours, address, description, searchable categories, photos, messages, and printable signs.
- Organizer workspace: everything in the simple listing, plus individually presented items and Available, Reserved, or Sold tracking.

You do not need the organizer workspace to post an estate sale. Add it only when individual inventory or professional organizer tools will help.

Before you begin

- Confirm the estate-sale name, exact address, dates, and daily opening and closing times.
- Choose the email that will own the listing and receive secure sign-in links.
- Prepare an original description of the collection, access rules, parking, pickup, and accepted payment methods.
- Select representative sale photos and identify the notable items that deserve their own cards.
- If a company is running the sale, prepare its public name, cover photo, and logo.

Post the simple estate-sale listing

STEP ONE: Open Post a Sale

Go to garagehoppers.com/post-a-sale and select Estate Sale. The form remains the same clean four-step process used for garage and moving sales.

STEP TWO: Describe the sale clearly

Add a useful title, the strongest item categories, and an original description. Mention notable collections, access instructions, pickup expectations, and whether prices are marked or negotiable.

STEP THREE: Add the complete schedule

Enter every sale day and its correct hours. The listing automatically leaves public browse and map results after the final closing time.

STEP FOUR: Add the location and contact email

Use the exact sale address and an email you can access. That same email connects the listing to Hopper HQ and protects the optional organizer tools.

STEP FIVE: Upload real photos

Use clear photos of the actual estate contents or sale setup. Avoid stock images and screenshots copied from another directory.

STEP SIX: Submit for review

Garage Hoppers checks the content, dates, map location, photos, and possible duplication before the listing becomes public.

After submission

The confirmation screen verifies that the regular listing is complete. Estate-sale submissions also show an optional Add individual item tools action.

- Choose View my listing to review the sale information.
- Choose Print signs or Print a sale sheet for sale-day preparation.
- Choose Add individual item tools only when you want the organizer workspace.
- You can leave the confirmation page and add the workspace later from Hopper HQ.

Connect the optional organizer workspace

STEP ONE: Sign in to Hopper HQ

Use the same email address entered on the estate-sale listing. Garage Hoppers uses the email match to prevent anyone else from taking over the sale.

STEP TWO: Find the estate sale

Open My Listings. The usual Edit and Print Signs actions remain available.

STEP THREE: Choose Add item tools

Garage Hoppers connects the organizer workspace to the existing estate-sale listing. It does not create a duplicate ad or restart the posting form.

STEP FOUR: Open the workspace

After connection, the listing action changes to Manage items. Use it whenever you need to return to the workspace.

If Garage Hoppers cannot connect the workspace, confirm that you signed in with the exact email used when the listing was posted.

Understand the workspace

- The header shows the estate-sale name, location, dates, and publication status.
- Summary cards show Total items, Available, Reserved, and Sold.
- Edit sale updates the organizer workspace and connected listing together.
- Featured items is where individual inventory is created and managed.
- Share and print contains the public page link and printable signs.
- Branding contains the organizer logo and estate-sale cover photo.

Add individual estate-sale items

STEP ONE: Choose a notable item

Individual cards work best for furniture, collectibles, tools, artwork, jewelry, appliances, vehicles, and other pieces that may bring shoppers to the sale.

STEP TWO: Enter the item details

Add the item name, category, price or price guidance, and a practical description. Include condition, dimensions, maker, age, and pickup details when useful.

STEP THREE: Create the item

Choose Add item. The new card appears in Featured items.

STEP FOUR: Add photos

Open Add photo on the item card. Each item can hold up to 12 photos, with a maximum file size of 8 MB per photo.

STEP FIVE: Set its current status

Use Available while it can be purchased, Reserved when it is being held, and Sold after payment or pickup is confirmed.

STEP SIX: Remove mistakes carefully

Use Remove only when an item should no longer be part of the estate record. Use Sold when you want to keep the item in the workspace history.

How item information reaches shoppers

Individual items appear on the estate sale's public organizer page after the connected listing is approved and active. Available and Reserved item names also strengthen the main listing's searchable item information.

- The workspace can hold as many individual items as the sale reasonably needs.
- Up to 24 active item names are used as searchable labels on the main listing; this does not remove the remaining items from the estate page.
- Sold item names are removed from the main listing's active searchable labels but remain in the organizer's records.

Start with the strongest 25 to 100 items. A smaller set of accurate, photographed highlights is usually more useful than hundreds of incomplete cards.

Brand, share, and print

STEP ONE: Add the cover photo

Choose a strong, representative image of the actual sale. The cover photo becomes the leading image for the estate workspace and connected listing.

STEP TWO: Add the organizer logo

If a company or professional organizer is running the sale, upload its logo. Family-run sales may leave this blank.

STEP THREE: Watch the publication status

In review means the listing is still being checked. The public estate page becomes available after approval and remains limited to the active sale period.

STEP FOUR: Copy the public link

Share only the public estate-sale link with shoppers. Keep private organizer links and sign-in emails private.

STEP FIVE: Print signs

Choose Print signs to open the existing Garage Hoppers sign generator. Download the preferred size for printing or online sharing.

STEP SIX: Add a payment sign if useful

The sign generator can also make optional E-Transfer or Square notices. Payment details remain in the browser and are not published on the listing.

Manage changes during the sale

- Update an item's status as soon as it is reserved or sold.
- Use Edit sale when dates, hours, description, organizer details, or the address change.
- Review the public page after important updates.
- Confirm payments in your own banking or Square application before releasing an item.
- If the entire sale is cancelled, update or cancel the connected listing from Hopper HQ promptly.

Estate-sale quality checklist

- The sale title and description are original and specific to this estate.
- The address, map pin, dates, and closing time are correct.
- Photos show the actual estate contents and do not contain another site's navigation or ratings.
- Featured item names, prices, descriptions, and availability are current.
- Private organizer links and customer contact details have not been shared publicly.
- The public link and printable sign QR code have been tested.
- Reserved and Sold statuses are being updated during the sale.

Where to get help

Visit garagehoppers.com/account to manage the connected listing, garagehoppers.com/organiser for organized sale workspaces, and garagehoppers.com/guides/organize-an-estate-sale for planning advice.

The estate workspace is meant to make a detailed sale easier to organize. Use the simple listing by itself when that is all the sale needs.