Estate Sale — Helpful Hints and Safety Precautions

- Signs for the Oct. 23, 2021 sale will be posted at 5:30 a.m. (20 signs in all) day of sale.
- We will be posted on 5 Estate / Garage Sale websites.
- Make sure you have a bank of change. Suggested: $50 in $1s, $5s and $10s. You might want a few $20s if someone gives you a $100 bill. (It's your choice if you want to take $100s.)
- Have a supply of bags. (Shoppers think they are Lord & Taylor.)
- Have a supply of wrap.
- It is best if everything is priced. (Shoppers like to negotiate).
- If someone wants to negotiate and you're not happy with the price just say, "No thank you" — they will come back
- You might want to have your sale items near your garage so that you get shade from the sun if you don't have a portable sun shelter. But we suggest having your garage door closed for home security reasons.
- ATMs are at or across from the Smoke Tree Village shopping center at Sunrise and East Palm Canyon.
- Make sure that your permit is posted (permits will be emailed to you 10 days prior to the sale).
- Suggested time to set up is 7 a.m. — you will have early birds, but we suggest you tell them you open at 8 a.m. per City Ordinance.
- If you have a Venmo or PayPal account you might want to make a sign that you accept those for payments.
- Stay hydrated!
- If you have a rolling rack, make sure its brake is on or put a book or a brick near the wheels, so it doesn't roll.
- If you are selling something brand new, a printout of its price online will show buyers they are getting a deal.
- It is best to have a mirror if you are selling jewelry or fashion items.
- If you are selling candles or art behind glass keep it out of the sun.
- If something is broken, it is polite to sell it "As Is."
- Have a calculator handy.

Security Tips:

- Lock your home and car while the sale is in progress. Never allow anyone inside for any reason. If someone needs to use a restroom, rather than let them into your house, common sense suggests you direct them to a nearby public facility (Ralph's)
- Do not sell alone. There is safety in numbers, so invite your friends and family to help.
- Do not keep too much cash with you. As money comes in, designate someone to take it inside. If you have a fanny pack or bank bag, you might want to keep your money in there.
- If a buyer asks you to break a large bill, offer to hold the item while they leave to get change.
- Keep jewelry or high-priced items close by to keep an eye on your most valuable items.
- Sell your items in your driveway or yard, not in an enclosed garage. Doing so blocks visibility and can be dangerous for sellers.
- Call police if someone is acting suspiciously, so have a phone handy.