

Spectrum Society for Community Living
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Tip of the Month:

Have a yard sale - but be more concerned about meeting your neighbours than how much you sell



'Tis the season for yard sales! What better way to start the summer?

Most people have yard sales to get rid of old junk, and hopefully make a bit of money. But a yard sale can also be

a lot of fun, and a great way for folks to meet their neighbours.

Make colourful signs and put them up around the neighbourhood. Invite the neighbours to set up a table next to yours and sell some of their stuff. Suggest having a potluck picnic supper afterwards. Practice greeting people before the big day. Set up lawnchairs. Serve lemonade.

It's all about intention. If the intention is to sell stuff, then that's one thing; if it's about meeting people, then that's a whole other thing. Set it up to maximize the social opportunities.

We invite you to post your stories or comments on the "Tip of the Month" on our personal support networks discussion board (follow the links from www.spectrumsociety.org).

Make a new friend today!