

# Chances at tots' gear double



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They're some of the most sought-after items at garage sales: baby and children's supplies. And they're easy to find, too. Children grow up so fast they don't have time to wear out clothes, toys and other things so it's no wonder garage sales are packed with kids' stuff in great condition. But for some moms, finding tots' supplies at garage sales can be a bit more challenging. Take, for instance, parents of twins, triplets or quadruplets. Oh my!

Those little bundles of joy can be a true blessing but imagine buying all the necessary items for your brood. Well, worry no more because an upcoming garage sale in the Valley is sure to make a difference.

"I'm really looking forward to it. I'll be shopping for clothes, two car seats and whatever else I can find," said Megan Mazzucca, 31, a mother of nearly 2-year-old twin boys, J.D. and Michael.

The Chandler mom is gearing up for a garage sale that promises to be a favorite place for moms and dads who have their hands full. It's the fall garage sale held by Desert Sky Mothers of Multiples, a support group for moms who have had multiple births.

"Our mission is to educate and support parents of multiples. There's nothing like having twins or triplets and it can be overwhelming, so it's great to have people to bounce things off of," Cathy Merrill of Gilbert said.

Merrill, 39, is a coordinator of the sale and past president of the group, which has 130 members and is the largest chapter in Arizona. Her twin boys are now 6 so she'll have different things on her shopping list than Megan. But that's a good thing because their children's various ages make for a nice mix of items up for sale.

The garage sales are held twice a year and moms all over the Valley make a point of being there hoping to snatch up great bargains for their babies. Megan has gotten most of her twins' items at past sales, including her double stroller, two car seats, two bouncy seats, a swing and a tub, all for a total of \$150. She says in a store she would've easily paid ten times that.

While Megan already has two car seats for one car, she's in the market for two more for her husband's vehicle. In stores, car seats can retail for up to \$250 but at the sale they can be snapped up for about \$20 each.

The items up for sale don't have to be sold together, so moms buying for just one child can shop at the sale, too. The sale is open next Friday but only to group members - they get first access. Then it opens to the public the next day, Nov. 4, in Tempe in the parking lot at the Tri City Alliance Church, 1945 E. Guadalupe Road.

For information on the sale or Desert Sky Mothers of Multiples support network, go to their Web site at [dsmom.org](http://dsmom.org) or visit my Web site, [GarageSaleGal.com](http://GarageSaleGal.com) for directions to the sale and a list of items up for grabs.



Megan Mazzucca, 31, of Chandler and her 23-month old twins, J.D. (left) and Michael are gearing up for a shopping trip like no other in the Valley. Megan will be looking for bargains next week at the Desert Sky Mothers of Multiples annual garage sale where parents of twins, triplets and even quadruplets sell and buy items such as high chairs, cribs and more.

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