



The next time you head out on a Garage Sale Safari... Make sure you take along this Garage Sale Survival Kit! You'll be glad you Did. It's a LIFE SAVER!

**Blanket:** This is to protect any nice furniture pieces or extra large finds from damage.

**Bubble wrap:** Some tissue paper or newspaper and a plastic bag of old plastic clothing covers from the dry cleaning. All are great for protecting delicate items.

**Magnifying glass:** You can usually get a good look at a hallmark, scratch, or other detail. If you are looking for jewelry, then pack a jeweler's loupe. These are also very useful for reading the small print on maps.

**Map:** Be sure you have a good one for your entire area and that it has a detailed index of streets and roads. The best ones are in book form, usually spiral.

**Magnet:** This will help you to detect the kinds of metal in items that appear to be brass, copper, silver, etc. If the magnet sticks it is not the real thing. Even a small magnet will work.

**Pad of paper and pen:** This is for addresses, phone numbers and names if you have to return or want to come back to make a deal later, etc.

**Calling cards:** That have your name and phone number and whatever other information you want to disclose.

**Length of rope:** Or bungee cords to keep items in place for transport.

**Personal information:** Swatches of your colors for decorating and wearing. Sizes for you and everyone you buy for. Measurements for areas for furniture, rugs, beds, etc. Trace off the soles of everybody's shoes so you can size them at sales.

**Crate:** The plastic kind that kids keep toys in is perfect. I use mine to hold my Garage Sale Tools.

**Tape measure:** This way you can check the size of furniture, measure off fabric, etc.

**A large bottle of water!**