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Subject: Garage/yard sales for used equipment  
Posted by [pk20](#) on Sun, 01 Jun 2014 11:38:10 GMT  
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How many of you DIY people visit garage and yard sales for old equipment people are selling? I was at one this week and saw some old speakers and thought if I wanted to create my own equipment, I could get used parts cheap at these type of sales.

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Subject: Re: Garage/yard sales for used equipment  
Posted by [Harlow](#) on Fri, 13 Jun 2014 18:58:18 GMT  
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I do this frequently! My wife is big into antiques and loves going to yard sales trying to find her next treasure. I went with her one weekend (this was a rather large one more like a flea market) and there was a table JUST for used parts. They had everything from computer parts, to stereo parts and everything in between, and they were CHEAP. I didn't have any projects going on at that point, but I stocked up for the future!

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Subject: Re: Garage/yard sales for used equipment  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Fri, 13 Jun 2014 22:17:14 GMT  
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Hi Another good source is thrift shops. I have purchased everything from a pair of Altec Lansing "Magnificents" (huge ten cubic foot vintage speakers), a Marantz receiver, two turntables, a Kenwood power amp, stuff by Pioneer, Philips, Klipsch and so on. But then too I have a full electronic work shop and all the test gear that might be needed to bring anything up to spec. Still at the prices you can afford to have a few duds. Most gear only requires cleaning and if mechanical lubrication.

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Subject: Re: Garage/yard sales for used equipment  
Posted by [Round2](#) on Sun, 06 Jul 2014 11:36:28 GMT  
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Thrift shops are great idea, gofar99, I hadn't thought about that. My daughter visits those shops quite often because, as she puts it, vintage clothes are in! Her idea of vintage is 10 years old! I should go with her the next time and see what I can find.

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Subject: Re: Garage/yard sales for used equipment  
Posted by [pk20](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2014 00:21:11 GMT  
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I would never have thought of a thrift shop, thanks for the tip. Do you often find things that you

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can use at these shops? There is a thrift shop ten minutes away from me and I will go check out what they have.

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Subject: Re: Garage/yard sales for used equipment  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2014 20:48:53 GMT  
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Hi, I find things from time to time. I have discovered numerous speakers that way....many quite excellent high end ones at fractions of their original cost. LPs, and amps as well. Generally I don't see any turntables or preamps but DVD and VCRs are everywhere. Most stuff works as well.

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