



## Cherry Avenue Auction Swap Meet Shopping Tips

1. **Arrive early.** When you arrive early you can take full benefit of the larger selections. Arriving early also gives you more time to look around and compare prices and items.
2. **Remember** that the best selections are available early and the best bargains usually come at the end of the day.
3. **Don't be afraid** to haggle. Everything is negotiable. Even if it has a price tag, you can always try to get a deal.
4. **Wear comfortable clothes.** Wearing comfortable clothing and walking shoes are a must when shopping. Light clothing on warm days and sweatshirts on cool days will make your shopping experience a lot more pleasant.
5. **Always bring cash.** Although, some sellers may take check and credit cards, most sellers are usually cash and carry. If you go in knowing how much you want to spend, cash will keep you focused on that number.
6. **Please check electrical items** before leaving. You want to always make sure your item is in proper working order.
7. **Be sure to rummage.** When looking for sales, or new merchandise be sure you look behind and under what is displayed. There may be a hidden treasure.
8. **Don't pass on sturdy, low-cost pieces** just because they need a little work here and there. Cosmetic repairs -- such as painting, refinishing, replacing hardware, and some reupholstering -- are easy fixes.
9. **Know what you want**, but be open to surprises. Even though you have something specific in mind, if you are alert, you may be surprised by something unexpected.
10. **Do stop to chat with the dealers** in your favorite booths at the markets you attend regularly. Sellers remember their good customers, and good customers usually get the biggest discounts.
11. **Do think of ways** to repurpose market finds if you can't use them for their original purpose.
12. **Don't walk away from an item** you just have to have. If you love it, someone else will too. It probably won't be there when you go back for a second look.