

Earn a Fortune With These In-Demand Old Home Items

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Those old things collecting dust in your home may actually be worth more than you think. When you purchase through links on our site, we may earn an affiliate commission. [Here's how it works.](#) Those old items collecting dust in your home can actually be worth more than you think. A lot more. So, before you go throwing away or donating everything from your parent's attic to [Goodwill](#), check to see if you might be able to make a couple hundred, or even thousand, dollars off of what you find. Everything from vintage cookware to old-school gaming consoles can be worth more than you might imagine.

10 old things in your home worth a fortune

Check out these 10 old items in your home that could potentially be worth a lot of money.

1. Kitchenware

One place to look for hidden household treasures is your kitchen. One common brand that can be worth quite a bit of money and has a following of dedicated collectors is Pyrex. Since it's so common, not every piece of Pyrex will be worth money, but certain vintage styles can sell for hundreds to thousands of dollars online. For example, a 4-piece set of rare, vintage Pyrex bowls recently sold on eBay for \$900.

2. Vintage toys

Have your kids grown up and moved away? If you've managed to keep any of their old toys for some reason or another, you could be in luck. Remember Furbys?

If you have one of the talking toys, it can be sold for anywhere from \$95 to over \$200 (although some have sold for much more), depending on which one you have. (I still have my rare Royal Furby from when I was a kid, but I'll be holding on to it for sentimental value.)

If you own any Polly Pocket toys and accessories, specifically those made in the 90s (from the pre-Mattel days), you could make several hundred dollars. A Vintage Polly Pocket Children's Hospital from 1995 sold on eBay for approximately \$132.87, and a Polly Pocket 1992 Party Time Birthday Stamper complete set sold for a shocking \$1,049.16.

And don't forget about Pokémon cards. Recently, a 1999 Pokémon Base Set Charizard Holo Rare Vintage Card sold for around \$626.86.

3. VHS tapes

[MoneyWeek](#) found that collectors are driving up demand for VHS tapes, with some willing to pay as much as \$25k for unopened, packaged videotapes. Some of the most coveted VHS tapes that sell for a high price include *Star Wars*, *The Goonies*, *Superman* and *Rambo*.

Kiplinger has some advice to help you determine whether [your old VHS tapes could be worth thousands](#). Here's what's valuable:

- Blockbuster films from the late 1970s - 1980s, released on VHS prior to the 1990s
- 1980s horror films — A 1981 *Halloween* original first print VHS sold for \$127.20 on Etsy, and a sealed 1990 first release *Friday The 13th Part VIII* VHS sold for \$316.94.
- Sealed tapes with a studio watermark
- Some early Disney copies that were released in the early to mid-1980s like *Tron*, *The Black Hole* and collections of early Disney cartoon shorts.

4. Old-school video games

You'd be surprised just how much certain video games go for online. Certain collectors will pay hundreds, even thousands, for rare retro games. So dust off your old gaming console and take a look at which games you may have — they could be worth a good chunk of change.

One of the rarest games, Little Samson for the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) has sold for over \$2,000 on eBay. Other titles that earn a lot include Mario Kart 64 for Nintendo 64 (sold for \$450), Super Mario 64 for Nintendo 64 (sold for \$2,513.69), Futurama for [Microsoft Xbox](#), 2003 (sold for \$199.99) and Chrono Trigger for Super Nintendo Entertainment System, 1995 (sold for \$175).

However, many games for a variety of different consoles can be worth more than you might think, so do a little research before bringing your old games into your local GameStop.

5. Vinyl records

Music fans — those old LPs you have lying around could be worth a lot of money, depending on the artist, album and release date. In fact, in the UK, [our sister brand MoneyWeek](#) released a report on 10 vinyl records worth up to £10,000, which included The Beatles - Please Please Me, which sells for around £6,000, and Led Zeppelin - Led Zeppelin, which sold for £7,100 in 2013.

6. Boy Scout memorabilia

Were you a Boy Scout back in the day? You likely kept several of those old badges and pins around for sentimental reasons without knowing they could be worth several hundred dollars. For example, one collection of vintage Boy Scout medals, patches and rings sold for \$240, and a 1990s Boy Scouts Eagle rank medal sold for \$199.99.

Older, rarer memorabilia can sell for much, much more. We saw a 1920s Boy Scout Eagle Scout medal that sold on eBay for \$2,826.00, and a collection of 1930s Boy Scouts Eagle Scout medals, merit patches and pins sold for \$4,275.

7. Vintage newspapers and magazines

If you have any old magazines or newspapers lying around, before you recycle them, check to see what they're worth. Limited edition publications, or ones centered on major popular culture or historic events, are sought-after collector's items.

[According to Woman's World](#), vintage magazines that once sold for around \$1 are now selling for \$20, \$30, or even \$50 on sites like eBay.

[LuckyBuckEyeCollectibles](#), one of eBay's most reputable sellers, specializes in vintage ephemera, selling a variety of titles including the New Yorker, LIFE, TIME, Saturday Evening Post, Vogue and Cosmopolitan. Currently, he's selling a [1961 January TV Radio Mirror Magazine with Dick Clark Front Cover](#) for \$74.99 and a [1952 January 21 LIFE Magazine with Dwight Eisenhower Cover](#) for \$39.99.

8. Old clothing

If you've held on to clothing from back in the day, you might want to consider selling it online, rather than dropping it off at a thrift store. Those old T-shirts hanging in your closet could be worth a lot more than you think, especially if they're vintage band tees.

Recently, a Beach Boys Chicago tour shirt sold on eBay for around \$108.79, a vintage 80s Grateful Dead Band T-shirt for \$300 and a Nine Inch Nails tour shirt sold for \$199.99. Unsure if your tee is vintage or not? Use [this guide](#) for helpful tips.

And that's just T-shirts. Other types of vintage clothing, like dresses, shoes and jackets (especially if they're from a designer brand) can sell for hundreds of dollars as well. For example, a rare vintage Gunne Sax dress, circa 1978, recently sold on eBay for \$725. One vintage OshKosh B'Gosh denim chore coat sold for \$150 and a Betsey Johnson cardigan top sold for \$90.

9. Rare coins

If you take the time to sort through your spare change, it could pay off. If you have one of the following rare coins lying around, it could score you several hundred to several million dollars.

Here are 14 of the most valuable coins and how much they've sold for, [per MoneyWise](#).

Coin	Price
972 Doubled Die Obverse Lincoln Memorial Cent	\$325
2004 D Wisconsin quarter, Extra Leaf Low Variety	\$152
Sacagawea Cheerios Dollar	\$5,000 to \$25,000
2008-W Silver Eagle Reverse of 2007	\$1,000+
1879 \$4 Gold Stella	\$5,000
1955 Doubled Die Lincoln Penny	\$1,850
1927-D Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle	\$1 million to \$3 million
1894-S Barber Dime	\$1 million to \$2 million
1913 Liberty Head Nickel	\$4.56 million

Coin	Price
Flowing Hair Dollar	\$2,500
1943-S Lincoln Wheat Penny	\$1 million
Morgan Silver Dollar	\$375 to \$1,805
2005-D 5C Speared Bison	\$495
2005 Kansas "In God We Rust" State Quarter	\$45

10. Typewriters

Have an old typewriter collecting dust in your attic, but are unsure what to do with it? Sell it online — it could earn you a few hundred to a thousand dollars, depending on its condition, brand, rarity and when it was made. Some of the best typewriter brands are Underwood, Remington and Oliver.

One antique 1895 Remington Model No. 6 Up-strike vintage typewriter with case sold on eBay for \$1,200, while a vintage 1932 Underwood typewriter sold for \$550.

We also saw that a 1930s Remington Monarch Pioneer typewriter with a cover recently sold for \$249.99 and another sold for \$195.