

5 Things to Know Before Tossing Old Ticket Stubs

1. Why Ticket Stubs Are Difficult to Collect

Unlike sports cards or comic books, old ticket stubs have no retail market; the supply sits in basements, attics, and closets. A stub that gets thrown out is gone for good, and that happens more often than it should because a stack of stubs looks like paper clutter to the person clearing it out.





2. Why Valuable Stubs Get Thrown Out

Downsizing moves fast, boxes get sorted under deadline, and torn, faded stubs read as trash to someone working quickly. The story behind the stub rarely gets passed down with the paper, so the person clearing the house has no way to know what they're actually looking at.

3. How to Sort Through the Stubs

Split sports from concerts first, then work through each group separately. Don't sort by assumed importance or discard damaged stubs, condition varies widely and damage can be proof a ticket was present for something memorable, which is often exactly what collectors want to see.





4. It's Fine to Keep the Ones That Matter

A ticket from a first date or a father-son World Series trip carries value no buyer can put a number on; keep those. The ones worth a second look are regular-season games from decades ago and the concerts nobody quite remembers the story behind.

5. How to Find Out What a Ticket Is Worth Before Tossing It

Pull any stubs from scrapbooks or envelopes before they go to a donation bin, then take a photo, even if the stub is glued to a page. A reputable buyer will check every submission against decades of sports and music history and send back a no-obligation cash offer from just a few photos.



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