

Garage Sales

How many and how often?



Garage sales, commonly referred to as patio sales, driveway sales, yard sales, or porch sales, are permitted within the city limits in all zoning districts which permit single and

multi-family dwelling units but have specific guidelines that must be met. These types of sales are defined in the city code as any public display, offering for sale or free to the public of one or more items of personal property by persons residing on the premises on which the sale is conducted, provided that the items are primarily for personal and household use and not of a business or commercial nature. (See Chapter 16, Land Development Regulations, Section 16.50.160 for additional information.)

So now that we've discussed what a garage sale is defined as, let's get down to business. Signs are always an issue with garage sales. Please make sure that your sign is properly located and of an allowable size. Keep in mind that only **one sign** may be displayed on the property where a garage sale is being conducted. The sign can be **no larger than four (4) square feet** and may be **displayed only during daylight hours** on the days when the sale is being conducted.



Next, let's talk about how many you can have and how often you can hold them. Each property is allowed to have **no more than four (4) garage sales in any one (1) calendar year but they must be at least sixty (60) days apart.** Garage sales are **prohibited Monday – Thursday** and are allowed only during daylight hours. Each garage sale can continue **no longer than three (3) consecutive days.**

So far we've discussed what is allowed as far as signage, hours of operation, and frequency but what about location? Where can you put the goods that you want to get rid of? Items must be displayed only on private property and are not allowed to be located in the visibility triangle.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Codes Compliance Assistance Department at (727) 893-7373.



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