

GARAGE SALES

Do You Need a Permit?

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ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

The county Zoning Division is in charge of garage sale permits in Orange County. To hold a sale, you'll need to fill out an application either online or in person and pay \$14 for a homeowner garage sale permit or \$14 plus \$0.50 for each home participating in a community sale. Additionally, you'll need to pay \$4.50 for each off-site directional sign you use. You may hold one garage sale every six months.

PUEBLO, COLORADO

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SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

This Midwestern city limits

garage sales to twice a year for no more than three days. Sales are also limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and only in residential areas. Indoor-only garage sales can only be held in commercial or manufacturing zones of the city. Garage sales can only have good that are owned by the proprietor of the sale. Three signs may be posted off-site, provided the signs are removed by 5 p.m. on the last day of the sale. Permits come from the

City Clerk's office.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

In the Music City, you can hold two garage sales per year for no more than three days. You may not hold a personal consignment sale. Portable signs are prohibited by county ordinance. Signs cannot be too close to or in the right-of-way, and they may not be placed on public property without permission.

MORGAN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Garage sales may be held during daylight hours, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Unlike many areas, this county sets its limit at four sales per year for a three-day period. A county permit must be obtained 72 hours prior to the beginning of the sale. Signs cannot be put on public property or public facilities. Two signs of not more than four square feet may be displayed on the property where the sale will be held. Other signs advertising the sale must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the sale.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

No garage sale in this town may run for more than two consecutive days and residents can only hold two sales per year. Garage sales may only run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. No signs may be posted off the site of the sale, and no sign may exceed two feet square. Signs cannot interfere with public walkways or traffic. Fines for failure to comply with the garage sale ordinance will be at least \$25 for each violation, with each day of a sale that is not permitted a separate violation. Permits are \$10.

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SELLER'S TIP

Comply With HOA rules

Make sure you comply with rules from your homeowners association, which may have restrictions on parking, signage and hours of sale.

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