

## ORGANIZE A GARAGE SALE

A certificate of authorization is not required for a garage sale.

Garage sales are permitted in all residential zones subject to the following conditions:

- Garage sales shall not be permitted except for single-family, duplex or triplex dwellings,
- Only two garage sales shall be permitted per dwelling per year,
- The sale shall be operated by the occupant of the dwelling,
- The sale shall not last more than one day, and shall not be held other than between 8 AM and 6 PM.

### Signs permitted in all zones

Temporary signs for garage sales, with an area not exceeding 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> (5.4 sq.ft.), provided there is no more than two (2) such signs per garage sale and provided they are removed on the day of the garage sale, after such sale is terminated.

### Garage sale safety

You're probably thinking "You're kidding, right? Garage sale safety?" Well, no ! Think about it for a minute - it makes sense.

The best garage sale in years is being held on your street. Cars galore, and you can't get out of your own driveway and there is precious little room for emergency vehicles to pass. Something to consider, right?

Also consider the location of your sale. Is it truly a garage sale, or a moving sale? Will people be circulating through your home? If so, then do areas of your home have to be sealed off or do you have someone who will escort potential buyers through your home? The normal garage sale does take place, in fact, in a garage or driveway but may create an interesting scenario if someone needs to use the facilities, or a telephone. For those who have to go, it may seem rude or careless to refuse, but most often you really don't know who you are letting in your home. So politely refuse their request. As for the telephone, if you can have one outside, great, but if your only option is an indoor telephone, then again politely refuse any request.

Not everyone who shows up on your doorstep is a potential thief - most people are just looking for a bargain. However, thieves have been known to "help themselves" to various small items around a home or to make mental notes to return at a later date. The popular saying "better safe than sorry" applies here. It doesn't cost a thing to be careful and alert. You should also make sure that your property is safe for all. If there is an accident, any negligence on your part could be costly. Check with your insurance company first, just to be sure.

Your safety is important to us.