

## City of Livonia Garage Sale Information

You are permitted to have garage sales in the City, but you must obtain a permit and have it on hand the day you open your sale. You can have such a sale **twice a year**, at **six month intervals**, and **your permit covers a six-day period** (Consecutive Days). The fee is \$5.00 for the first and \$10 for the second after 6 months.

The following sign regulations should be observed when promoting your garage sale:

- Only two signs are permitted.
- Signs are to be no larger than six sq. feet and not be illuminated.
- Do not attach signs to trees, poles, etc.. Signs are to be free standing, and erected with metal rods or pointed stakes not larger than 1" x 2" dimension material.
- Permit number must be included on all signs.
- Upon completion of the sale, remove all signs and repair all ground holes or divots left by sign stakes.

Any signs not conforming or without a permit number will be removed by city inspectors (CR#841-81).

### Sign Regulations

1. Garage sale permit numbers must be posted on all signs. Obtain your permit, complete with permit number, from the City Clerk. The permit for the 1<sup>st</sup> sale is \$5.00, the permit for the 2<sup>nd</sup> sale is \$10.00. Two garage sales are permitted per year. Sales must be four (4) weeks apart.
2. DO NOT place any sign on public property or the "right-of-way" (e.g. the area between the sidewalk and the street, residential boulevards or subdivision entrances.) Any signs not conforming or without permit number will be removed by city inspectors per Zoning Ordinance Section 18.50C(18).
3. You may erect a sign on your premises. If you wish to erect a sign on the property of another person, you must get that person's permission. Promptly remove the sign after the sale to avoid causing that property to get a violation notice (See 6. below)
4. Signs may not be larger than (6) sq. ft. and not be illuminated.
5. DO NOT attach signs to trees, utility poles, traffic control devices, etc. Signs must be freestanding and may be erected with metal rods or pointed stakes not larger than 1" x 2".
6. Upon completion of sale, remove all signs.
7. In lieu of or in addition to signs, you may wish to take advantage of the opportunity to announce your sale:
  - a) Through a print and/or Internet classified advertisement in a local newspaper. For the Livonia Observer, call 1-800-579-7355 or visit [www.866-818-sold.com/](http://www.866-818-sold.com/); . For the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press phone (586) 826-7183 or go to [www.marketplacedetroit.com](http://www.marketplacedetroit.com).
  - b) By submitting the information to post in newsletters or bulletins by various neighborhood civic associations, community groups, churches, etc.

These providers may offer free advertising for charity events, but also provide good opportunities for paid advertising for sales in general. And there are a variety of other methods by which you can publicize your event.