

The Village of Skokie allows no more than one garage sale permit to be issued to a dwelling unit in any one calendar year. Garage sales shall not extend for more than three consecutive days, and shall be limited to household goods and furnishings which have been in use in the dwelling unit located on the premises, or goods that have been in use in more than one dwelling unit on the same block.

The term "Garage Sale" is defined as a garage sale, patio sale, basement sale, backyard sale, or any similar type sale of three or more household items, that is held on residential premises and to which the general public is invited.

The Skokie Police Department has been fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since November of 1988. Accreditation by CALEA is a process by which law enforcement agencies voluntarily seek to demonstrate their continued ability to meet nationally recognized standards. Re-accreditation occurs every 3 years.

The benefits to Skokie residents, businesses, and employees include controlled liability insurance costs, administrative improvements, greater accountability, and increased governmental and community support for these agencies.

The Village of Skokie Police Department's philosophy of community-oriented policing is designed to help build a partnership with our citizens. The partnership will work to find solutions to identified issues in our neighborhoods, on our streets, and in our industrial and commercial areas.

For more information on Police Department programs and services please visit www.skokie.org.



The Skokie Police Department



For more information, contact the Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847-982-5919 or 5924.



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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I need to have a permit to conduct a Garage Sale?

A: Yes. Permits may be purchased at the Skokie Police Department. The fee for a Garage Sale permit is \$10.00. No garage sale shall be allowed until a permit for such sale is granted.

Q: What minimum information must I provide on the application to obtain a Garage Sale permit?

A: A garage sale permit application shall include:

- The name and address of the permittee.
- Date(s) of the Garage Sale
- Permittee's signature certifying that, if a permit is granted, the permittee will abide by all applicable codes included in the Garage Sale Ordinance of the Village of Skokie, which are further outlined in the next several "frequently asked" questions.
- A statement that all goods and furnishings to be sold are in the possession and title of the permittee and meet the conditions set forth in the first paragraph of this pamphlet.
- On the dates of the Garage Sale, the approved permit shall be prominently displayed in such a way that it is visible from the street, at the location of the sale.

Q: Can I advertise my Garage Sale with signs, flags, or banners?

A: No flags, banners or buntings shall be displayed in connection with the conduct of any garage sale. Signs, however, are permitted subject to the following:

- No signs or advertisement indicating the address, location or direction of a garage sale shall be allowed upon any tree, shrub or pole located in any street, parkway or other public place; nor shall any sign be allowed on any property other than the property wherein the garage sale is to take place.
- On the day(s) of the sale, signs as permitted by this section, may be displayed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. from April 1st through October 31st and from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. November 1st through March 31st.
- Signs must be removed by permittee by the end of the last day of the sale within the time prescribed.
- Each sign must state "Garage Sale" with an attached adhesive label or other means of identifying the name and address of the person responsible for the placement and removal of the sign. The address and name must be consistent with where the garage sale is scheduled to occur.
- Signs must be free standing and shall not exceed four square feet.



Example: A 2 ft. x 2 ft. sign is 4 square feet.

Q: Can I display household goods or furnishings for sale in the front yard or public property or right-of-way?

A: Yes, items may be displayed or offered for sale at a garage sale in any portion of the front yard, including the driveway. However, no goods shall be displayed on any public right-of-way.

Q: What can happen if I violate the provisions of the Skokie Village Code,

A: Please note that if residents are found to be in violation of provisions of the Garage Sale ordinance, the following actions may occur:

- Issuance of a local ordinance citation(s) that typically may be subject to fines that range between \$50 and \$750.
- Record of the offense(s) in the Village's Garage Sale Permit information computer database.