

Rules and Regulations for Garage Sales in Wauconda

What is a “garage sale”?

This means and includes all sales tangible personal property conducted on premises in the village that are zoned for residential use, regardless of the name by which such sale may be called.

Is a license required and is there a fee?

You must register with the Police Department – no license is actually issued, There is no fee. The registry will include:

- Name of the person, firm, group, corporation, association or organization conducting the said sale.
- The address at which said sale is to be conducted.
- The date(s) of the proposed sale.
- Whether or not you are a “home based” business.

How many garage sales can I have?

- No person, firm, group, corporation, association or organization shall be permitted to conduct a garage sale for more than 3 consecutive days.
- No more than 2 garage sale licenses may be issued for the same address per year while the land is vested in the same ownership.
- Every registration made by a homeowner’s association or subdivision shall be deemed to be issued to every home address within the homeowner’s association or subdivision; however this registered garage sale shall not count toward the maximum annual number of 2 per home address.

What kind of signs can I have? How many? Where can I place them?

- Any person conducting a garage sale is hereby prohibited from erecting more than 6 signs, each sign not exceeding 8 square feet in area, advertising the garage sale.

- Garage sale signs may not be displayed for more than 3 consecutive days, and may only be displayed during the days that the garage sale takes place.
- No signs may be placed in the Village right-of-way (aka “parkways”). It is also unlawful to attach or place any sign on any utility pole or street sign in the Village.
- All garage sale signs shall conform to the Village Sign Ordinance and the regulations stated therein.
- All signs shall be removed no later than 3 hours after conclusion of the sale.

How do I know if I am exempt from these rules

- The rules and ordinances shall not apply to or affect the following persons or sales:
- Persons selling goods pursuant to an order or process of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- Any persons selling or advertising for sale an item or items of personal property which are specifically named or described in an advertisement and which separate items do not exceed 5 in number.
- Any sale which falls within the provisions of ILCS Ch. 815, Act 350 §§ 1 et seq., as amended.
- Any sale conducted by a charitable or religious organization where the sale is being held entirely as a fundraising activity for said organization

Is there a penalty if I violate the rules or ordinances?

- Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined not less than \$95, nor more than \$750. Each day on which a violation of this chapter exists or continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

What ordinances govern Garage Sales?

- See Chapter 152 of the Village Ordinances.