



HAVING A YARD SALE?

To maintain and improve Covina's quality of life, the City of Covina stepped up its Neighborhood Preservation program. This program is intended to deal with property maintenance problems and other activities which harm the community's image and property values. Excessive and illegal yard/garage sales are one of those problems. Residents and business owners have complained about people who hold sales every weekend, sell new merchandise, create traffic congestion, or clutter neighborhoods with numerous signs. To address these problems, Covina has adopted regulations that allow all residents the right to have yard/garage sales subject to reasonable limits. Your cooperation in complying with these rules will make Covina a cleaner and safer place to live.

THE BASIC RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **PERMITS:** A yard/garage sale requires a permit from the Finance Department in City Hall. The fee is \$10.00.
2. **FREQUENCY:** Two yard/garage sales can be held during any calendar year. Each permit is limited to two consecutive days. Multiple dwelling unit complexes (apartments, mobile home parks, etc.) are limited to two (2) temporary sale permits regardless of the number of units in that complex. Approval of the property owner or manager in writing is required. If it rains on the day(s) of your sale, you may call our office on the following Monday to re-schedule at no charge.
3. **TIME:** Your yard/garage sale may begin as early as 8:00 a.m. and continue until no later than 7:00 p.m.
4. **DISPLAY:** Sales and displays may be conducted on any portion of the private yard or garage but not on any public property, parkway, or sidewalk.
5. **MERCHANDISE:** The merchandise for sale must consist of household goods. No resale of new merchandise of any kind is permitted.
6. **SIGNS:** TWO SIGNS OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR (4) SQUARE FEET EACH MAY BE PLACED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. NO SIGN MAY BE PLACED OFF THE SITE. STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE PLACEMENT OF ANY SIGNS ON ANY UTILITY POLE, STREET TREE, OR SIMILAR PUBLIC ITEM. SIGN VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A \$50.00 FINE. NO FUTURE PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE FINE IS PAID.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the telephone number listed below, Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. (**CITY HALL IS CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY**)

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A PROFITABLE SALE!

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PENAL CODE

§ 556. PUBLIC PROPERTY; PERMISSION

It is a misdemeanor for any person to place or maintain, or cause to be placed or maintained without lawful permission upon any property of the State, or of city or of a county, any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device which is used for the purpose of advertising or which advertises or brings to notice any person, article of merchandise, business or profession, or anything that is to be or has been sold, bartered, or given away.

§ 556.1. RIGHT OF POSSESSION

It is a misdemeanor for any person to place or maintain or cause to be placed or maintained upon any property in which he has no estate or right of possession any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device which is used for the purpose of advertising, or which advertises or brings to notice any person, article of merchandise, business or profession, or anything that is to be or has been sold, bartered, or given away, without the consent of the owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of such property before such sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device is placed upon the property.

§ 556.2. LEGAL NOTICES

Sections 556 and 556.1 do not prevent the posting of any notice required by law or order of any court, to be posted; nor the posting or placing of any notice, particularly pertaining to the grounds or premises upon which the notice is so posted or placed, nor the posting or placing of any notice, sign, or device used exclusively for giving public notice of the name, direction or condition of any highway, street, lane, road or alley.

§ 556.3. PUBLIC NUISANCE

Any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device placed on any property contrary to the provisions of Sections 556 and 556.1 is a public nuisance.