



Garage sales

Garage sales can be done individually or as a block event. The friendly and inviting atmosphere of the garage sale can also increase the sense of community.

The following are crime prevention tips and the city ordinance that can help you have a successful sale.

Before The Sale

- Get help from your friends and neighbors. Have two or more people on duty, especially during rush times.
- Place smaller, more expensive items next to your checkout table.
- Cover items in your garage that you are not selling. Remove expensive items in your garage from view.
- Let your neighbors know about your sale so they don't leave their garage doors open and allow others to see what's kept in their garages.
- Hold your sale outside of your house.
- If you set up the night before, make sure your garage windows are covered and that your garage is secure.
- Secure dogs and other pets.
- Do not attach flyers to utility or light poles, trees, or vacant buildings. It's against the law.



During The Sale

- Plan to stay at your sale the entire time. Do not leave sale unattended.
- Keep a minimal amount of cash on hand.
- Don't answer personal questions about your schedule, living situation, or what's in your house.
- Keep your house locked while you are in the garage or yard.
- Do not let people use your house for any reason — trying on clothing, testing a small appliance to see if it works, using the bathroom.
- Leave radio on in the house so it seems as though someone is inside.
- Greet everyone so they know they've been seen.
- Beware of distractions that could draw your attention away from the money and/or valuables.
- Accepting checks is a personal choice. Use caution.
- Keep keys and garage door openers out of sight.

After The Sale

- Take down your signs around the neighborhood after the sale.

Minneapolis Ordinance 321.20 states that no sale may exceed a period of 72 consecutive hours. No more than two sales can be held in any 12-month period. None of the items offered for sale shall have been purchased for resale or received on consignment for the purpose of resale.

Contact your crime prevention specialist for additional prevention information. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/police_outreach_safe-teams to locate your neighborhood crime prevention specialist.



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