

City of Richardson Garage Sale Information

The Richardson Police Department is sending this information bulletin out to residents about holding garage sales along with practical safety information. This information will assist you with questions or concerns on how to conduct a safe garage sale.

1. No more than three garage sales shall be conducted at the same residential address or the same apartment or condominium complex within any 12-month period. Garage sales shall be sponsored by the homeowner, the management company, or the condominium association of the respective complex.
2. No garage sale shall exceed 72 consecutive hours in duration, and at least four business days shall elapse between consecutive garage sales.
3. Do not attach garage sale signs to light poles, electrical poles or in the median. You can place the signs on the parkway or in your yard.
4. If you have a garage sale, **be prepared**. Have a small amount of change on hand. Keep it out of sight and out of your hands.
5. **Do not** accept \$100 bills. (If you violate this rule, read rule 6 and 7.)
6. Purchase a counterfeit bill detector pen from an office supply store.
7. Have a real \$100 bill inside your residence so you can compare both bills. Hold the bills up to a light and look at the security features. Take any large bill inside to make change. Do not leave your change holder unattended. We still recommend not violating rule 5.
8. Have friends stationed at different places so they can help watch for any signs of foul play. Equip them with a pen and paper so they can write down license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles or suspicious people descriptions.
9. Have your cell phone present with 911 programmed on speed dial. Call 911 if you feel threatened or a problem with a person arises.

Please use common sense and have a safe garage sale. If you need any assistance please call the Community Services Division at (972)744-4955.