



City of Baytown Garage Sale Permits

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *Do I need a garage sale permit?*

Yes, as of March 10, 2008, all citizens are required to obtain a permit.

2. *Where do I go to obtain a permit?*

You will need to fill out an application at City Hall, located at 2401 Market Street at the Building Inspections Department. The office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

3. *How much is the permit?*

The permit is \$5.00 per garage sale.

4. *Who needs to apply for the permit?*

The person that is willing to take responsibility for the garage sale. It does not necessarily have to be the property owner.

5. *Can I put out signs to advertise my garage sale?*

Yes, you can have up to 7 signs (maximum size of 2' x 3') on which you can have the address and dates of event, and you can leave them out up to 4 days. You may put them out one day before the date of your sale, and must be picked up on the last day of your sale.

6. *Are there any additional fees for this advertising?*

Yes, a \$25.00 deposit, which will be refunded to the applicant after you bring in your signs with the city issued decals to the Building Inspections Department at City Hall within 5 days of the last day of your sale. We will void the stickers and you may keep the signs.

7. *Where can I put my garage sale signs?*

You can put them in the rights-of-way along our city streets as long as they do not create a traffic hazard, but not in the medians, on utility poles, or on private property other than the event location.

8. *How many garage sales can I have? And for how long?*

A garage sale permit can be issued to any one person or location only once within a six-month period and it's good for either of the following:

- A. Three consecutive days, or
- B. Two separate days within an eight-day period.

9. *Is there a penalty for not obtaining a garage sale permit?*

Yes, it is a misdemeanor offense and can carry a penalty of up to \$500.00 if convicted.

If you need additional information, please call the Building Inspections Department at the telephone number listed below.