



Citywide Garage Sale

2021 Garage Sale Host Guide

June 25-27, 2021



Welcome & Thank You!

Welcome to the 2021 City of Fridley Citywide Garage Sale! Thank you for hosting a garage sale for the City's first Citywide Garage Sale! We are looking forward to having your participation. In this garage sale host guide, you will find more information about the garage sale including tips on how to host a successful and safe sale. We wish you a successful and fun garage sale. Have fun connecting with your neighbors and earning some extra cash!

About the Citywide Garage Sale

The City of Fridley will host our first Citywide Garage Sale in 2021. Sellers--declutter your home, earn some extra cash, and meet your neighbors! Shoppers--find some great bargains and unique finds, meet your neighbors, and explore the Fridley community!

- For more information, visit FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale or scan the QR code.



- Garage Sale Dates:
 - Friday June 25th, 2021
 - Saturday June 26th, 2021
 - All garage sales must take place between 9:00 am and 6:00pm.
- Trash to Treasure Day
 - Sunday June 27th, 2021
 - All Trash to Treasure items can only be out on the end of driveways between 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Trash to Treasure Day

Fridley residents can participate in Fridley's Trash to Treasure Day by placing items they no longer want on the curb at the end of their driveways. Please marked these items as "FREE". "FREE" items can be placed at the end of driveways from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27th. Community members can drive around Fridley and pick up items that are marked as "FREE".

Please try to remove any items not picked up from the end of driveways by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27th. All unwanted items will need to be removed within 24 hours of the conclusion of the event on Sunday, June 27th. **The City will NOT be picking up items for disposal that are left over.** No registration is required.

Garage Sale Yard Signs Information

Each registered garage sale will get one (1) Citywide Garage Sale yard sign to promote their garage sale. Garage sale hosts were also able to order up to two (2) additional yard signs to help promote their garage sales.

Sign Pick Up Information

- Garage sale hosts can pick up their garage sale signs at Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Ave., N.E. on the following dates.
 - **Saturday, June 19th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**
 - **Monday, June 21st through Thursday, June 24th from 8:00-4:30 p.m.**
 - If you are unable to pick up your yard sign during this time, please reach out to Alyssa Kruzel, to arrange another time.
- Registered garage sale hosts can start to put up their Citywide Garage Sale yard signs on their property on Thursday, June 24th to help promote the event.
- Place your Citywide Garage Sale yard only on your private property. Signs must be placed a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from a street curb.

Your Home



- Please try to remove your Citywide Garage Sale yard sign at the conclusion of your garage sale on Friday, June 25th or Saturday, June 26th. All yard sale signs will need to be removed within three (3) days following the last day of your sale.
- After the sale, all registered garage sale hosts can keep their Citywide Garage Sale yard signs to use at future Citywide Garage Sale events.

Tips for Promoting your Garage Sale

- Promote your garage sale and Fridley's Citywide Garage Sale among your neighbors and friends.
- Direct them to FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale to find an online, mobile, printed sales map.
- An online and mobile garage sale maps with all of the registered sales will be available starting on Wednesday, June 23rd.
- Printed garage sale maps will also be available for pick up at Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Ave NE, starting on Wednesday, June 23rd.

- City Hall will be open Wednesday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm.
- During your garage sale, take photos and upload them to social media using the hashtag #FridleyCitywideGarageSale in the post. Tag the City of Fridley in social media posts.
- Be warm and welcoming! Say hello to any community members that stop by your sale.
- Introduce yourself, ask them how they heard of the garage sale, and ask if there is anything they are looking for in particular.

Please consider not selling the follow items:

- Used Cribs
- Car Seats
- Bike Helmets
- Broken appliances or electronics

Garage Sale Crime Prevention Tips

- Greet shoppers but do not share any personal information or information about your home such as when you plan to be out of town, major home repairs, alarm or security systems, or who lives in the home.
- Keep all doors leading into your home locked.
- Do not let anyone into your home to use your bathroom or try on clothing. Direct them to the nearest gas station if they do need to use the bathroom.
- Never walk a shopper into your house to show them an item or to “test” an appliance or electronic item. Run an extension cord from your house/garage for people who want to know if items work.
- Clearly post the times of your garage sale. The hours of your garage sale should be during daylight hours. When the sun goes down, so should your garage sale.
- Place more expensive items near your checkout area so you can keep an eye on them. Place any items you don't to sell out of sight.
- Charge your cell phone and keep it on you at all times.
- Do not leave your yard sale unattended. Recruit the assistance of a family member, friend or neighbor to oversee your sale should you need to excuse yourself temporarily.

Money Safety Tips

- Don't use a cash box unless you have a designated cashier. If you are running the sale alone, it's best to keep the money on you (e.g. fanny pack, apron, etc.).
- If you do use a lock box, keep money contained in a lock box at all times. Do not leave the lock box unattended.
- Have cash available for change, but make sure it isn't visible to any shoppers.
- Stay focused when giving change to customers and direct them to a gas station or bank if they are looking for specific denominations.

- When accepting cash, avoid “short change fraud.” “Short change” fraud can happen when someone pays with large bills and then changes their mind several times about how they want the change given back to them. They then will complain that the cash returned to them wasn’t enough so that can leave with more money than what they came with.
- Consider using forms of electronic payment/mobile payment apps such as Venmo, Pay Pal, Cash App, Square, etc. If using forms of electronic payment keep your device, smart phone or tablet, with you at all times. Also consider locking your device and installing software to alert of malware.
- Learn more about Mobile Payment Apps and Online Security from the Federal Trade Commission.
 - <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/online-security>
 - <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/mobile-payment-apps-how-avoid-scam-when-you-use-one>

Additional Crime Prevention Reminders

- When in doubt, give Police a call to patrol the area to keep an eye out.
- If you find someone’s behavior suspicious or threatening, call 911 immediately and remember to observe the 4 W’s:
 - Who (suspect description and vehicle color/make/model)
 - What (articulate the behavior that is suspicious)
 - Where (your location and the direction the suspect travels if they leave)
 - When (timeline—is this a delayed report or is the person still on scene)
- The City of Fridley is not liable for stolen or damaged items or injuries sustained during a garage sale as part of this event.

COVID-19 Guidelines and Safety Tips

The City of Fridley’s Citywide Garage Sale will operate under the current guidelines from the Governor of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Health, the CDC, and then any local City of Fridley guidelines at the time of the garage sale.

The Citywide Garage Sale is subject to change with updates on the COVID-19 pandemic and federal/state/local orders. Please check our City’s webpage and social media accounts for the most recent updates and changes. City staff will be in direct communication with any garage sale hosts around COVID-19 guidelines and updates.

We strongly encourage garage sale hosts and shoppers to also follow the following guidelines.

Sale Host Guidelines and Tips

- Don't host your garage sale if you are ill and are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. Let City staff know if you need to cancel your garage sale right away.
 - [COVID-19 symptoms](#) (MN Department of Health)
- Mask wearing
 - Consider wearing a mask if you are not fully vaccinated and are unable to maintain social distancing.
 - Encourage mask wearing, especially when others are unable to maintain social distancing.
 - Post signs encouraging mask wearing.
 - [COVID-19 posters and signs](#) (MN Department of Health)
- Provide masks.
 - Provide disposable masks.
 - Consider making and selling masks.
- If a shopper isn't following your sale's COVID guidelines communicate with them your sale's guidelines and mask preferences. If they don't have a mask, consider offering them one and request that they put it on.
 - If a shopper isn't following your COVID guidelines including wearing a mask after you have requested that they do, you can request that the shopper leave your sale. Please avoid direct enforcement and don't put yourself in situations that would cause yourself or others risk of harm. When in doubt, give Police a call to help out.
- Set as many of your items outside your garage and in the open air as possible.
- Encourage electronic payments such as PayPal, Venmo, Cash App. If using an app or online payments, be sure to disinfect the phone, tablet, or laptop after use. Designate one person to take payments from shoppers.
- Wear gloves, wash hands, or sanitize between each sale transaction.
- Outdoor gatherings are not subject to a limited number of people. But consider limiting the amount of people depending on the size of your sale space/property.
 - Ask those to wait in line until attendance at your sale has gone down.
 - Limit the amount of people inside your garage or under tents.
- Have hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the entrance of your sale, on tables and other common places for shoppers to use, if possible.
- Have a greeter to welcome shoppers to your sale and share with them your sale's COVID procedures. If you are having capacity limits, have someone in charge of keeping a head count and ask shoppers to wait in line if your sale has reach capacity.
- Display items strategically so that shoppers can look at items without having to touch them. Put all items out on tables spread out instead of in boxes to limit the amount of times items will be touched.

- Allow for and encourage social distancing, especially for people of different households.
 - Post multiple signs encouraging social distancing.
 - [COVID-19 posters and signs](#) (MN Department of Health)
 - Set up any sales tables and bigger sale items to allow for at least six feet of distance between.
 - Use tape, chalk, or signs to create a pathway for shoppers to follow throughout your sale.
 - Clean and sanitize.
 - Make sure all sale items are clean and sanitized before placing out for sale.
 - Sanitize/disinfect high touch sale items or areas frequently.
 - Clean all tables, chairs, and high touch sale items at the end of each sale day or in the morning before the sale starts.

Community Shopper Guidelines and Tips

- Please respect and follow the COVID-19 guidelines that each garage sale host has at their garage sale.
- Stay home if you are ill and are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
 - [COVID-19 symptoms](#) (MN Department of Health)
- Bring and consider wearing a mask.
 - The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated, wear a face mask when gathering outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Practice social distancing, especially with members of different households.
- Avoid carpooling to garage sale with members of different households.
- Wash or sanitize your hands before and after each sale you visit.
- If the sale is too crowded, wait in your car, in line, or come back at another time.
- Limit your time at the garage sale, and in garages and tents.

Recycling Information: Plan for after the sale!

All items need to be removed from your lawn by 6:00 PM of Trash to Treasure Day on Sunday, June 27. Plan ahead for how to get rid of items that aren't collected. Here are some resources for how to dispose of certain items.

Recycling Directory

- Search the Recycling Directory at [FridleyMN.gov/Recycling](https://www.fridleymn.gov/Recycling) for how to dispose of specific items.

July Recycling Drop-off

- Free and reduced cost recycling of bulky items is available at the City of Fridley Recycling Drop-offs on July 10, September 11, and November 13 at Green Lights Recycling. Items accepted for recycling include appliances, electronics, scrap metal, mattresses, exercise equipment, tires and more. Additionally, Green Lights Recycling offers disposal services of

non-donatable furniture and other non-recyclable items. Visit [FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff](https://www.fridleymn.gov/Dropoff) for more information.

Local Thrift Stores (Items must be in good working condition)

- This list is not comprehensive or an endorsement of any of the below businesses

Habitat For Humanity

651-588-3820

510 County Road D West

New Brighton MN 55112

Items accepted: Architectural items, building materials, furniture, tools & hardware, lawn & garden, lighting, etc. Pick up available for large items. Visit restore.tchabitat.org for a full list

Salvation Army Store

763-571-9988

1000 E Moore Lake Dr

Fridley MN 55432

Items accepted: Clothing, furniture, household goods, small appliances & electronics

Goodwill

763-571-2153

5660 Main St

Fridley MN 55432

Items accepted: Clothing, furniture, household goods

Savers

763-571-1319

4849 Central Ave

Columbia Heights MN 55421

Items accepted: Clothing (torn clothing accepted for recycling in bags labeled "For Recycling"), furniture, household goods, small appliances & electronics

Questions?

Still unsure what to do with your leftover items? Call 763-572-3594 or email

Recycling@FridleyMN.gov

After your Garage Sale

- Share any photos of your garage sale with City of Fridley staff for use in future communications materials.
 - Email any photos to Alyssa Kruzel at Alyssa.Kruzel@FridleyMN.gov.
- Keep your garage sale sign for next year's citywide garage sale event.
- Take the Citywide Garage Sale Host Site Questionnaire. We would love to hear about what you enjoyed during your garage sale and ways to improve the sale for future years.
 - City staff will reach out after the event with information about how to share your feedback about the event. Stay tuned!

Weather

- The event will be postponed or canceled if there is inclement or severe weather. You will be contacted by city staff if this situation occurs.

Questions/Contact

- For questions, please contact Alyssa Kruzel, Community Engagement Specialist, at Alyssa.Kruzel@FridleyMN.gov or 763-572-3579 (office) or 612-839-8909 (cell: texting is okay).