

# City of Montevallo

## Garage Sale Rules and Regulations

- Garage sale means and includes all general sales, open to the public, conducted from or on a residential premises in any residential zone, as defined by the zoning provisions of this Code, for the purpose of disposing of personal property including, but not limited to, all sales entitled “garage“, “lawn“, “yard“, “attic“, “porch“, “room“, “backyard“, “patio“, “flea market“, or “rummage” sale. This definition shall not include a situation where no more than three specific items are held out for sale and all advertisement of such sale specifically names those items to be sold.
- Any 1 (one) address in the City of Montevallo is limited to 2 (two) garage sales a calendar year. Each garage sales requires a separate permit.
- A garage sale permit must be applied for at least 5 (five) days prior to the sale dates, 7 (seven) days if mailed.
- If members of more than 1 (one) residence want to join and have a garage sale together only 1 (one) permit is required, however, it will count as 1 (one) of the 2 (two) allowed garage sales for each member/residence for the year.
- Only personal property is allowed to be sold at a garage sale. It does not include anything which was purchased for resale or consignment.
- Garage sales shall be limited to no more than daylight hours of 3 (three) consecutive days.
- If the garage sale is terminated or not held because of inclement weather conditions, an affidavit by the permit holder must be submitted to the city saying the sale was not held or terminated due to inclement weather. The city may issue another permit to the applicant for the same location within 30 days of the original date.
- The permit must be displayed on the premises in a conspicuous place so as to be seen by the public and inspector.
- If parking and traffic flow becomes a nuisance where the sale is occurring, the police department may enforce temporary traffic controls to alleviate any special hazard and/or congestion caused by the sale.
- Advertising Signs –
  - 2 (two) signs of not more than 4 (four) square feet shall be permitted to be displayed on the property where the sale is being conducted.
  - 2 (two) signs of not more than 2 (two) square feet are permitted if the premises upon which the sale is located is not on a major thoroughfare, and written permission is received from the property owner to place the sign on their property.
  - No sign shall be placed more than 2 (two) days prior to the sale.
  - Signs must be removed at the close of the sale each day at the end of the sale or by the end of daylight, whichever comes first.
  - No sign may be placed on each bench, trash can, public property (such as street signs, traffic signs, and utility poles) or right-of-ways. Right-of-ways in the city vary but generally extend 10 to 50 feet from the center of the roadway.
  - Signs **MUST** conform to all City of Montevallo regulations.
- A police officer or other official designated by city ordinance has the right to enter the premises of the sale for inspection and may close the sale upon any violation(s) of the city Garage Sale code.