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ost of us have experienced the frustration of trying to find space for all the things that accumulate in our homes over the years. Garage sales are excellent ways to solve the storage problem, while providing unique shopping opportunities for others. (We've all heard the saying, "One man's junk is another man's treasure.")

However, when garage sales get out of hand, or are held on a regular basis, they can detract from our neighbors ability to enjoy their property in what is normally a quiet residential area. Most people can overlook the temporary inconveniences caused by traffic, noise and signs associated with occasional garage sales. But, when garage sales are held continually, or when they involve sales of new merchandise in a sort of "outdoor store," these inconveniences become more permanent and harder to ignore.

For these reasons, the City of Costa Mesa, like most cities, has adopted regulations aimed at allowing all residents the opportunity to "clean out" from time-to-time, while maintaining the character of our residential neighborhoods.

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Following is a summary of the Garage Sale Regulations

"**Garage Sales**" include "**Yard Sales,**" "**Moving Sales**" and other similar events.

Used, personal and household items may be sold at garage sales, but garage sales are not intended for sale of new merchandise.

Each **property** may hold garage sales **two times per calendar year.** (This means that owners or tenants of apartment properties may have to get together and decide which days they will devote to garage sales, so no one gets left out.)

Garage Sales may last for no more than **3 days each.**

Signs advertising garage sales may be placed in the parkway if they are mounted to stakes. No signs are allowed on street signs, trees, utility poles or in street medians. Signs can be legally placed in the parkway from 6:00 a.m. on Friday until 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

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our voluntary compliance with these standards will help eliminate the problems associated with commercial and/or continual garage sales, keep your neighborhood relatively free of unsightly garage sale signs, and ensure that the quality of life is maintained in our City's residential neighborhoods.