



Who doesn't love a good yard sale?

Have fun and protect Lincoln's beauty at the same time!



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Signs Damage City Structures

Everyone loves a good yard sale. What is important to remember, however, is that all of those colorful signs taped or affixed to light and sign poles create not only visual blight, but the adhesive that is often left behind damages the paint and pole. It is estimated to cost the City \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year in staff time and materials to clean and repair this type of damage.

Yard sale signs are prohibited on public property. Lincoln Municipal Code section 16.01.050 provides that any advertisement, poster, sign, or notice of any kind placed on city property or on any curb, sidewalk, post, pole, lamp post, hydrant, bridge, tree, or other surface located on city property may be removed immediately by a City employee. Importantly, the cost of removal and of any damage to city property resulting from the placement or removal of a sign can be charged to the person who placed the sign. In other words, you probably want to keep that in mind when posting signs on which your address is prominently displayed!



Yard sale signs in Lincoln posted on a light pole, causing sign blight and leaving behind adhesive that damages the paint and pole.



Yard Sale Rules Frequency and Duration

Residents are generally limited to hosting not more than two (2) yard sales per year. Lincoln Municipal Code section 5.24.060 provides for a limited exception to street vending which would otherwise require a permit. Specifically exempted are yard sales operated during daylight hours, conducted for no longer than two days, and no more frequently than twice per year.

There are creative ways to advertise your yard sale rather than posting signs on light and sign poles. Consider advertising on social media platforms such as Good Neighbors of Lincoln. Perhaps a neighbor would allow a temporary directional stake sign in their yard? Consider collaborating with neighbors and having a larger, community sale that could be advertised in the local paper.

Please also be considerate of your neighbors and the environment by putting away any items that weren't sold or aren't being donated for a good cause. Unfortunately, items left out can be tempting to members of Lincoln's homeless community and frequently wind up in encampments that require substantial effort and cost to clean up.



If they are willing, a temporary directional stake sign or sandwich board can be placed in a neighbor's yard. Be sure to retrieve your sign when the sale is over!

Questions

about signs or any other
Municipal Code issue?

Call your local, friendly Code
Enforcement Officer at
(916) 434-2477

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