The Village of Skokie allows no more than three garage sale permits to be issued to a dwelling unit in any one calendar year. Garage sale permits may be purchased online at www.skokie.org or at the Skokie Police Department.

Garage sales shall not extend for more than three consecutive days, and shall be limited to household goods and furnishings which have been in use in the dwelling unit located on the premises, or goods that have been in use in more than one dwelling unit on the same block.

Q: Do I need a permit to conduct a garage sale?
A: Yes. Permits can be purchased online at www.skokie.org or in person at the Skokie Police Department. The fee for a Garage Sale permit is $5.00. No garage sale shall be allowed until a permit for such sale is granted.

Q: Can I advertise my Garage Sale with signs, flags or banners?
A: No flags, banner or buntings shall be displayed in connection with the conduct of any garage sale. Signs, however, are permitted subject to the following:

- A maximum of two (2) signs advising of the sale are allowed in the public right-of-way. Signs cannot be placed on any trees, lights standards, telephone poles or other supporting structures. Persons that do not remove signs within the parameters of Section 26-714 of the Skokie Village Code of Ordinances will be subject to a $50 local ordinance citation(s).

- On the day(s) of the sale, signs may be displayed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. from April 1st through October 31st and from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. November 1st through March 31st.

- Signs must be removed by permittee by the end of the last day of the sale within the time prescribed.

- Each sign must state "Garage Sale" with an attached adhesive label or other means of identifying the name and address of the person responsible for the placement and removal of the sign. The address and name must be consistent with where the garage sale is scheduled to occur.

- Sign must be free standing and shall not exceed four square feet.

Q: Can I display household goods or furnishings for sale in the front yard or public property or right-of-way?
A: Items may be displayed or offered for sale at a garage sale in any portion of the front yard, including the driveway. However, no goods shall be displayed on any public right-of-way.

Q: What can happen if I violate the provisions of the Skokie Village Code?
A: Issuance of a local ordinance citation(s) that typically may be subject to fines that range between $50 and $750.

For more information, contact the Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit 847-982-5923