



## FAQ's

The Trophy Club Women's Club has been sponsoring our Community Wide Garage Sales for over 30 years!! What originally began as a "Flea Market" on the property that is now PD30, the Women's Club has organized this event to raise funds for Senior High School Scholarships. The event has grown into a bi-annual event, typically with 250-300 residents participating each Spring and Fall. Funds raised from selling permits for the sale are used to honor deserving BNHS seniors with scholarships to aid in their first year of college.

### **Why should I buy a permit?**

In addition to participating in a fun event and a worthy cause, Garage Sales by individuals are not permitted by Town Zoning ordinances. However, twice per year, residents may elect to participate in a community garage sale that is sponsored by a recognized civic or nonprofit organization through a "special events" permit. That is where the Trophy Club Women's Club steps in! We complete the paperwork and request the special event permit, as well as do all advertising, town signage, google map and donation trucks.

### **Where do the funds from permit sales go?**

All proceeds from the spring and fall garage sale are used to fund scholarships for Byron Nelson High School students. TCWC develops all advertising, signage and coordinates the "donation trucks" that are used to collect items after the sale for deserving charities. Volunteers also create a "Google Map" so that shoppers know the location of homes having a sale.

### **I don't have enough for my own sale, but have some things that I want to get rid of. Can I drop them off somewhere?**

New this year, a TCWC member will "host" a garage sale for items that you would like to donate. All proceeds will be donated to the Scholarship fund – this is not a "consignment" arrangement. Leftovers will be taken to the donation trucks at the end of the sale. Check the website for arrangements and drop off location and times. No appliances or clothing.

## **What is the difference between a garage sale and an estate sale?**

Community Wide Garage Sales, hosted twice a year by the TCWC, may include any items the homeowner wishes, as much or as little as they would like to sell. The sale is typically hosted outside of the home, in the garage, driveway, or yard. Advertising and signage is sponsored by TCWC, and included in the price of the permit.

Estate sale (further defined by Town Ordinance below) are instances where the homeowner is interested in selling a majority of the items within their home. Shoppers enter the home and shop for furnishings, knick-knacks and anything else the homeowner would like to sell within the home. The items must not be visible from the street. There is a charge associated with acquiring a permit for an Estate Sale – typically \$100. The homeowner must complete a temporary use/special events application with the Town prior to the sale, and signage is not permitted, except at the location of the sale.

*8) Estate sales. An estate sale is a sale or auction to dispose of a substantial portion of the materials owned by a person. Estate sales shall not include garage sales and shall not contain any items for sale that are visible from the street. Only one estate sale shall be allowed per address in any one-year period. An estate sale shall only require the approval of the planning and zoning administrator or their designee and shall only require the submission of a temporary use permit application and fee.*

## **Is my Permit tax deductible??**

YES! The Trophy Club Women's Club is a 501(c)3. Your permit serves as your receipt.

## **Can I sell food/beverages at the Garage Sale?**

No – due to State Health Laws, food sales are not permitted by the homeowner. Some local laws do permit “lemonaid stands” hosted by minor children.

## **Sounds good! Where can I get a permit?**

Permits go on sale approximately one month prior to the event. Permits can be purchased at Tom Thumb (cash, check or credit card) or Sassy Flamingo (cash or check). Permits purchased prior to 5 PM the day before the sale will be included on the Google Map. Watch Facebook for more information!

TCWC volunteers will also be around the town selling “day of” permits. For those who decide to host a sale at the last minute, or didn't get a chance to purchase a permit, the ladies will be happy to take cash or check the day of the sale. Look for them on the marked golf carts!

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact our Garage Sale Chair at [garagesale@mytcwc.org](mailto:garagesale@mytcwc.org).

***Happy Selling!***