

YARD SALES DURING COVID

It's yard sale season, and while picking up a unique find might seem harmless, picking up a COVID-19 infection is not.

At all times, everyone should be taking measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Become familiar with these before holding or going to a yard sale. **If you or anyone in your home are feeling ill (even if your symptoms are mild), do not host or go to a yard sale.** Stay home, self-isolate and contact a health care provider.

To keep yourselves and others safe, if you don't need to hold, or go to a yard sale, consider waiting until the pandemic has passed. Arrange to sell items online or set up appointments for buyers to limit the number of people gathering at one time, if possible.

If you are holding or going to a yard sale, take these measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

If you are holding a yard sale:

Ensure there are no large gatherings at the yard sale at one time.

- The greater number of people at your yard sale increases greater potential for spreading COVID-19. Physical distancing must be maintained with anyone outside of your household.

You are responsible for preventing crowds and ensuring people stay 2 metres or 6 feet apart from one another at all times.

- Consider using signs, chalk, or other markings to show buyers where to stand to keep a safe distance. 2 metres is about the length of an adult-sized hockey stick or mattress.

Wear a face covering and encourage your visitors to wear one too.

- Use of face coverings is recommended by Medical Officers of Health in situations where physical distancing is difficult to maintain. Wearing a face covering will also give your visitors confidence that you care about their safety. Consider posting signs at entry points to wear a mask. This will be a friendly reminder.

Provide 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Ensure it's used often, especially after any exchange of money.

Reduce contact when exchanging money.

- If able, set up a contactless payment method, such as e-transfer. If exchanging money, maintain 2 metres distance (e.g. buyer provides payment and then steps back 2 metres, seller makes change if needed, then steps back 2 metres, etc.).

Clean frequently touched surfaces.

- Such as tables and countertops often with household cleaner or diluted bleach solution. Ask buyers to avoid touching items for sale unless they are making a purchase.

Do not allow buyers into your home.

- Keep items for sale in an open space outdoors or well-ventilated area .

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YARD SALE - RULES

Yard sales are an excellent way to minimize waste and maximize the reuse and recycling of household items in addition to putting some extra money in your pocket. There are, however, municipal bylaws that regulate yard sales.

All yard sales shall be registered with the Town of Hanover. Residents having a yard sale can download the registration form online (www.hanover.ca/yard-sale), and submit by mail to the Municipal Office, or by email, at least one week in advance of having a yard sale. Residents will benefit from free advertising of their yard sale via the Town of Hanover website.

How often can I have a sale?

Sales are permitted a maximum of three (3) times per year, at any one (1) location and, for no longer than two (2) consecutive days.

What types of signs are allowed?

HANOVER SIGN BY-LAW 2916-15

Except as may otherwise be permitted pursuant to this By-Law, no person shall erect any temporary or permanent sign, advertising device, announcement, advertisement, sandwich board sign, notice, garage/yard sale sign, portable sign or similar device for whatever purpose, shall not be permitted to project over or extend across, or be placed upon any public highway, or in any manner be located on any curb, boulevard, sidewalk, attached to a public lamp, utility poles, trees, bridge, piers, hydrant, or any other structures or feature located on any street or bridge, pier, or any other structure within the limits of any street within the Town of Hanover, without the written permission of the Town of Hanover.

The complete by-laws are accessible on the Town of Hanover website at www.hanover.ca/by-laws or at the Municipal Office.



Questions? Please contact Ken Campbell, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for more information:
519.364.2780 x 1249 | kcampbell@hanover.ca

If you are going to a yard sale:

If possible, shop for used items online and arrange for delivery or curbside pick-up.

- Limit your risk of being exposed to COVID-19 by avoiding groups of people.

Limit the number of places you visit in one trip & stay local.

- Avoid travel, stick to yard sales in your community. And shop alone if you can.

Stay 2-metres or 6-feet from others at all times.

- Avoid gathering in groups and having close range conversations. 2 metres is about the length of an adult hockey stick.

Wear a face covering.

- Use of face coverings is recommended by Medical Officers of Health in situations where physical distancing is difficult to maintain. Wearing a face covering will also give your host confidence that you care about their safety.

Pay online or provide exact change.

- So that you do not have to exchange money multiple times.

Clean your hands frequently.

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before leaving and after returning from shopping trips. Carry 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you to use on your trip.

Do not enter another person's home.

Clean and disinfect any items purchased.

- And wash hands after handling shopping goods. Avoid buying items that are difficult to clean.

Other important safety considerations:

Baby walkers, infant self-feeding devices and other items are banned in Canada.

Link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/reports-publications/consumer-education/information-shoppers-second-hand-products.html#a3>

Other second-hand items like car seats, cribs, helmets, playpens, strollers, children's jewelry and kids' sleepwear must meet certain safety requirements before they can be bought or sold in Canada.

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YARD SALE APPLICATION

NAME

ADDRESS

**PHONE
NUMBER**

EMAIL

**YARD
SALE
DATES**

Please submit this application form a minimum of one week prior to your proposed yard sale to ensure information is posted to our website (www.hanover.ca/yard-sale).

The form can be submitted the following ways:

Drop Box	Municipal Office, 341 10th Street, Hanover
Mailed	341 10th Street, Hanover, ON N4N 1P5
Emailed	kcampbell@hanover.ca