

## **Note to Garage Sale Participants:**

The night before the sale, on your doorstep, you will find copies of maps that outline our streets, sale addresses, and a brief highlight of what each home is selling. You may distribute copies to your customers.

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The City of Newcastle's Chief of Police provided this link in reference to garage sale safety:

[http://www.busyparentsonline.com/health/20036\\_yardsale-safety.htm](http://www.busyparentsonline.com/health/20036_yardsale-safety.htm)

In summary, **the tips we recommend** from this site are:

- If someone wants you to break a large bill (such as a \$50 or \$100) for a small item, simply tell them you will be happy to hold the item if they want to go and get change. Newcastle Shopping Center has several conveniently located businesses that can easily break down large currency for their customers. (Passing large counterfeit bills has occurred here in the past. Please do not accept large bills for small purchases or, better yet, do not accept large bills at all.)
- Keep a limited amount of money on you! At any given time, you should only have enough money to make change for a \$20.
- Hold the sale out in the open – and not in the garage. A garage has limited visibility and can provide entry into your house.
- Keep a close watch on your items for possible theft. Partner with a neighbor if you are going to be alone.
- Do not allow customers into your house for any reason. Lake Boren Park has conveniently located restrooms.
- Keep a cordless or cell phone with you at all times.
- In addition, to report problems such as thefts or blocked drive-ways, the Chief has provided the following non-emergency number for the King County Sheriff's Office: **206-296-3311**
- Please remind customers to drive carefully and park respectfully.

### **More Helpful tips:**

- Be sure to get change ahead of time. Start with five dollars in quarters, along with one and five dollar bills.
- Provide plastic bags for your shoppers – it's a great way to re-use grocery bags.
- Sort clothing, especially baby clothes by size.
- Don't underestimate the time it takes to setup. Consider organizing the day before.

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### **Charities to Contact for Pickup of Unsold Items:**

Northwest Charities ([www.nwcenter.org](http://www.nwcenter.org)): (800) 992-2060

Eastside Baby Corner ([www.babycorner.org](http://www.babycorner.org)) (425) 865-0234

St. Vincent de Paul: (206) 767-3835

Salvation Army: (800) 958-7825

Goodwill Industries: (425) 264-0277; 3210 NE Sunset Blvd, Renton

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