

County Creek Yard Sale Tips and Information

Thank you for participating in the Country Creek Yard sale! This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, clean out your closets and basement, and make some extra cash. Below are some tips and suggestions for a successful yard sale.

1. The sale will start at 8am. You may want to start setting up at 7am or earlier if possible. There are always early bird shoppers that can get in the way while you are setting up.
2. We will set up on the grassy area on Sutton Road. The spaces are not assigned; consider using about 5 or more sidewalk blocks for your area. If you don't need that much, then feel free to take up less space. Once you have unloaded your car, **please move your car** - Let's leave the area by the grass for buyers.
3. There are young trees in the grassy area where we are setting up. Please make sure to not disturb the trees by hanging anything on them.
4. Bring folding tables, hanging racks and/or mats to display your goods. The grass can be wet early in the morning, so if you plan on placing something on the ground, you may want to place something below them. Bring folding chairs or you will stand for 4 hours!
5. Bring plenty of change. \$100 in change (4-\$10, 5-\$5, 25-\$1, 1 roll of quarters) will usually work, however, it also depends on your prices. If you have many items priced at \$1, bring more singles. Consider keeping your money in a fanny pack, carpenter's apron or keep it close to you.
6. Another option is to create a QR code to allow buyers to pay via Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, etc. Check the individual sites/apps to print out your code. This may be a good alternative especially if you are selling pricier items, or for buyers that just happened to come across the sale and do not have cash.
7. Bring plastic or paper bags – your customers will appreciate it. If you are selling glass items, you might want to bring newspaper or bubble wrap to wrap them.
8. Bring extra batteries so customers can test items that require batteries.
9. Items sell better if everything is marked with a price, either individually or group items together with a sign. Price items 1/4 or 1/3 of retail price or lower – Price to sell!
10. If you are selling clothes, be sure to go through the pockets first!
10. Place sets of items in a plastic zip-lock bag and then staple the bag close. For kid's wooden puzzles, boxes of puzzles or board games, wrap them in saran wrap so they don't open.
11. Make sure items are clean – they will sell better.
12. If you plan on using tape, use painters' tape as it comes off easier.

13. Do you have items that are not worth selling? Consider having a FREE pile; it will entice shoppers.
14. We will be advertising the yard sale on various Facebook sites, community signs, etc. **If you plan on selling any large items or unique items, especially furniture, collectibles and/or jewelry, please let me know.** I'd like to add them to our ads to draw in buyers.
15. **IMPORTANT!!** At the end of the sale, please, please, please clean-up after yourself. **DO NOT** leave items on the lawn on Sutton Road. If you would like to donate items at the end of the sale, below are some options.
 - a. [INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital Thrift Store](#) – 9683 Fairfax Blvd (next door to Revolution bar.)
 - b. [Second Chance Thrift and Gift Store](#) (Humane Society of Fairfax Co Thrift Store) - 4055 Chain Bridge Road
 - Proceeds are used for medical care of rescued animals and general feeding and care of animals while they await their new home.
 - c. [Lamb Center](#) – 3160 Campbell Dr, Fairfax (near Fairfax circle)
 - Please check the website for supplies needed.
 - d. [Northern Virginia Family Services](#) –
 - Many items can be donated to their thrift shop ([Clock Tower Thrift Store](#) – 2860 Annandale Rd., Falls Church)
 - Also check the main website as some donated items may need to go to their other locations.
 - e. Goodwill – 9960 Main Street, Fairfax
 - f. Fairfax County Libraries – donate books
 - g. Mosaic Elementary – children's books in GOOD condition
 - h. Unique – 2956 Gallows Rd, Falls Church
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