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Important Information Regarding Yard Sales, Rummage Sales, and Garage Sales

Warmer weather brings out a lot of different possibilities for getting outdoors, including sales out of our homes. Portage County residents may be wondering if they are able to hold yard sales, rummage sales, and/or garage sales, and if they can, how they can do so safely. Currently, the state is asking all Wisconsin residents to postpone or cancel all in-person sales as COVID-19 is still prevalent in our communities.

We strongly encourage Portage County Residents to take safety precautions if one must hold a sale out of their home. To keep you, your family, and your community safe, please consider the following:

- Host the garage sale online to ensure no-contact. You can post and sell items using social media, garage sale apps, or another online sales platform.
- Clean and disinfect your items before giving or shipping it to a buyer. Buyers should wash all clothing and disinfect other items after pick up.
- Make or accept payments over the phone and avoid exchanging cash.
- Use precautions to protect your health and safety if you need to pick up or pay in-person.
 - Wear a cloth face covering.
 - Pick up and pay in an open, visible, and well-ventilated space. Do not enter another person's home.
 - Stay at least 6 feet apart.
 - Pick up and pay without physical contact.
 - Schedule item pick-up with enough time between buyers so they don't come in contact with each other.
 - Wash your hands after every transaction. Only use hand sanitizer if there is no dirt on your hands.

We ask that all Portage County residents follow these considerations to provide the greatest degree of protection possible for our families, friends and neighbors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Working together to stop the spread of COVID-19 is critical to ensure the wellbeing of all community members.

This message is brought to you by the Village of Plover, City of Stevens Point, and Portage County Health and Human Services-Division of Public Health.

For the latest information and guidance on COVID-19, visit the [CDC's website](#) or the [DHS website](#). If you have questions or immediate needs related to COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text COVID-19 to 211-211.

For the latest information about COVID-19 in Portage County visit:

[Portage County's COVID-19 website](https://www.co.portage.wi.us/departement/health-and-human-services/division-of-public-health/covid-19-coronavirus-disease-2019/-fsiteid-1)

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[Portage County Division of Public Health Updates and Alerts](https://www.co.portage.wi.us/departement/health-and-human-services/division-of-public-health/covid-19-coronavirus-disease-2019/division-of-public-health-updates-and-alerts)

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[Portage County Division of Public Health Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/PortageCountyDPH/)

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