

Considerations for the Exchange of Second Hand Items



Garage and yard sales with more than 5 people present are prohibited – all other garage and yard sales are strongly discouraged.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, residents in Grey Bruce may want to sell private property and second-hand items. At this time, garage and yard sales are strongly discouraged, and if more than 5 people are present would be prohibited. This is in accordance with the extended emergency order issued by the Government of Ontario (April 14th) which prohibits public and social gatherings of more than five people.

The following considerations may be helpful if you choose to participate in the sale of second hand items using alternate means (online platforms, social media, etc.). Buying and selling items through these means is allowed at the buyers and sellers own risk.

For most people, delaying these sales will be the safest decision.

Review advice from your local municipality regarding the situation.

- Many municipalities have prohibited yard/garage sales, these bans may be enforced by by-law officers or local police. Review the information provided for residents on municipal websites and through local news outlets.

Stay home as much as possible and continue to practice physical distancing.

- Use contactless payments like e-transfers rather than cash or cheques
- Offer contactless pick-up or drop-off of items, such as curbside or doorstep.
- If a contactless transaction is not possible:
 - Maintain a 2 metre distance between yourself and others.

- Do not meet if anyone in either household is feeling unwell.
- Do not have visitors in your home.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Ensure items are [cleaned and disinfected](#)
- Practice proper hand hygiene:
 - Wash your hands with soap and water often, especially before and after handling any items involved in the sale.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
 - Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue.
- Follow provincial guidance if you choose to [wear a mask](#).

Resources

[Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency to Continue the Fight Against COVID-19](#) –
News Release - April 14, 2020

For information on the 2019 novel coronavirus see the [Grey Bruce Health Unit Website](#).