



# Press Release

## PORT COQUITLAM'S FIRST CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE SET FOR APRIL 18

**Port Coquitlam, BC – MARCH 26, 2009** ... Port Coquitlam residents can turn their household cast-offs into cash while helping the environment during Port Coquitlam's first City-wide garage sale on Saturday, April 18.

Residents across the community are invited to plan garage sales at their homes for between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on April 18, the first day of Earth Week. Garage sales registered before April 8 will receive free advertising on the City website and in the newspaper. Participants can register online at [www.portcoquitlam.ca/garagesale](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/garagesale) or pick up a registration form at City Hall or the City Hall Annex.

"This event will bring our community together for a common purpose and help build PoCo Pride," Mayor Greg Moore said. "And of course there are significant environmental benefits to be gained by reducing the amount of garbage we send to the landfill."

The event aims to raise awareness about re-use and recycling, and reduce the number of household items entering the waste stream.

While the City-wide sale will run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., participants may extend their sale beyond those hours. All participants will be responsible for packing up any unsold items, similar to any regular garage sale. The City will not be picking up unsold items, and instead is encouraging participants to donate leftover items to charity, to benefit those in need and reduce the amount of waste generated.

"We want to promote the notion that one person's trash is another person's treasure," noted Cllr. Sherry Carroll, who chairs the City's Environmental Enhancement Committee. "We hope this event will make our residents think twice before throwing away unwanted household items, all year long."

Area charities that accept donations of household items include:

- Salvation Army Thrift Store, 2275 Elgin Ave., Port Coquitlam: 604-942-0505, or the warehouse at 2520 Davis Ave.: 604-944-8747
- Crossroads Hospice Thrift Store, 2565 Barnet Hwy., Coquitlam: 604-949-0459
- Share Family & Community Services Society Thrift Store, 2404 St. John's St., Port Moody: 604-931-5510 (small household items only)
- SPCA Thrift Store, 1071 Ridgeway Ave., Coquitlam: 604-931-5222

The website [www.portcoquitlam.ca/garagesale](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/garagesale) will include more recycling and re-use information, as well as tips to ensure a successful garage sale.

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