

# WORLD'S LONGEST GARAGE SALE

## OFFERS 28 MILES OF BARGAINS MAY 25-28

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**I**ts title is perhaps a bit of an exaggeration, but maybe not. The World's Longest Garage Sale has become a fixture on the calendar for Washington's Long Beach Peninsula.

It kicks off Friday, May 25, and runs through the entire Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Starting in Chinook, you can drive north to Ilwaco, through Seaview, Long Beach, Klipsan and Ocean Park and still not catch every sale because there's still Surfside to check out — 28 miles in all.

In years past there was a map and listings of folks who signed up. It has long outgrown that — shoppers just need to look for the signs and balloons pointing them to bargains. The Chinook Observer classified ads can help, because some of the sale locations are listed there.

The annual event has run for about 20 years. It allows residents of the southern part of Pacific County to make some extra cash and meet interesting people while clearing space in their homes and garages. Some nonprofit groups set out some tables to raise funds, too.

The Visitors Bureau promotes the



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Ready for the sale? Bright colors attract attention, so spread them throughout your tables. Group similar items together and be willing to negotiate a package deal for multiple items. Be ready to part with anything you place out to sell and accept that you are not going to get rich — but you are going to gain more space in your home and garage.

### IF YOU GO

#### World's Longest Garage Sale

Long Beach Peninsula from Chinook, Wash., to Surfside north of Ocean Park

Daylight hours, Friday through Monday. Watch for signs for locations.

### How to be a good garage sale shopper

- Expect nothing, but be pleasantly surprised
- Don't use too much cologne
- Park courteously
- Leave your food, drink and cigarettes in your vehicle
- Shop with a smile
- Bring your own bags
- Dicker without being aggressive (the seller may need the money to pay their health insurance)
- Come with plenty of \$1 bills, especially early shoppers
- Coins are fine for the little stuff
- Wait your turn to settle up
- If you don't buy, put it back in the box
- Thank the seller

*Selling tips:*

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