



## Temporary Sign Rules

The Metro District is responsible for maintaining attractive, uniform parkway landscapes throughout Highlands Ranch. Temporary sign placement guidelines help preserve the quality of these landscapes, and assure that signs do not become a nuisance or detraction at road intersections. The Metro District's goal is to reduce sign clutter on arterial landscapes while allowing residents the opportunity to advertise garage sales, yard sales, and other community events through the use of temporary signs. These rules apply to all properties managed by the Highlands Ranch Metro District and those that are in the adjacent road right-of-way. Temporary signs are any and all signs that are not permanently installed.

The Highlands Ranch Metro District temporary sign rules are in addition to sign rules contained in the Highlands Ranch Development Guide and the Douglas County Sign Code.

### Temporary Sign Categories and Rules

- Temporary signs for private citizen events such as garage sales, open houses and church services are permitted on the day(s) of the event or as otherwise indicated herein. No other commercial or business signs are allowed.
- Political signs supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot issue election are not permitted.
- Signs advertising the sale of goods and services by businesses are not permitted in any location.

### Placement of ALL permitted temporary signs must comply with the following rules:

- All temporary signs may be placed on landscaped areas or on sidewalks as long as they are not compromising the safety of pedestrians or motorists. Temporary signs of any kind, as defined above, are prohibited on medians.
- Temporary signs cannot be placed within 150 feet of intersections of four-lane and six-lane roads. All temporary signs must be free standing. Signs cannot be staked into the ground or attached to trees, light poles, traffic signals and signs, utility boxes or fences.
- Any sign which compromises public safety, is damaging or has the potential to damage public property is not permitted on any land owned or managed by the Metro District or in the adjacent road right-of-way.

### Duration of Sign Placement Rules

- Garage sale signs may be placed on the day(s) of a sale and must be removed on the last day of the event by sunset.
- Open house signs can be placed and must be removed on the day of the event by sunset.
- Church services signs may be placed the day before the service and must be removed the day of the service.

### Sizes of Signs

- Garage sale signs – 24 inches x 24 inches maximum
- Open house signs – 24 inches x 24 inches maximum
- Church service signs – 16 square feet maximum

## Community Event/Service Signs

Community event/service signs may be used by any group or organization that is offering an event or service open to the general public. These signs may be used by governmental entities, the Highlands Ranch Community Association and non-commercial organizations (i.e.: non profit 501(c)(3) groups) to advertise public events and services.

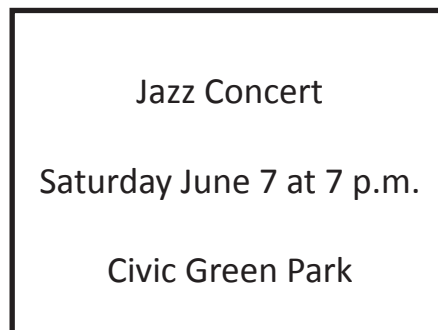
Community event/service signs may also be used to promote certain community services that are offered periodically which benefit the Highlands Ranch community and/or a worthy or charitable cause. Examples of these services include recycling programs, hazardous materials collection events and election voting notifications.

**A. Community Event Sign Locations** – must be placed at locations designated by the Highlands Ranch Metro District. Prior to placing such signs, the sponsor must apply for and obtain a permit through the Metro District and provide the Metro District with the name of the sponsor and the name of the individual who will be responsible for maintaining and removing the signs. An up-to-date map of these locations will be maintained at [www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org). To apply for a community event/service sign posting permit, please contact the Metro District at 303-791-2710.

**B. Duration of Postings** – signs may be posted at the locations referenced above, up to 10 days before an event, and must be removed the day after the event by sunset.

**C. Directional Signs** – free-standing, sandwich board signs directing the public to the event site and parking may be placed on immediately adjacent parkways the day of the event and must be removed the day after the event by sunset.

**D. Content of Signs** – community event signs posted at designated locations may include the event name, dates, times, location, fees (if applicable) for the event, the logo of the organization operating the event and contact information. These signs may include the logo of one title sponsor, not to exceed one square foot. It is strongly recommended that event signs contain as few words as possible to allow letters to be large enough to read from a vehicle using a four-lane or six-lane road with a speed limit of 45 mph. Example:



**E. Size/Material of Signs** - community event signs must be 3 1/2 feet x 3 1/2 feet and made of corrugated plastic or other weather resistant material.

All Highlands Ranch Metro District rules are enforceable as authorized in Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) 18-9-117.



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