

CRAIGSLIST BASICS

What Craigslist?

Craigslist acts as online classifieds for private sellers, dealers, services offered, personal ads, and so much more.



Posting Expiration times

The type of your posting will determine the expiration date. After the elapsed time period your ad will be removed and you can no longer renew it.

Expirations by Posting Type

Posting Type	Expires
Jobs	30 days
Free: For Sale, Housing, Personals, Services, Community	7-45 days*
Gigs, Resumes	30-45 days*
Events	Depends
Paid: NYC broker apartments	30 days
Paid: Cars & Trucks by Dealer, Tickets by Dealer	30 days
Paid: Therapeutic	7 days

* varies by city

Email Relay

Craigslist keeps your email anonymous! Emails sent and received (with or without an account) are encrypted obscuring your true identity.

craigslist has implemented 2-way email relay to help stop spam and scams. When replying to a post you'll see an address like:
abcde-0123456789@sale.craigslist.org

When answering an email you'll see an address like:
rcc9la26d7534400a6a03514c34f9200@reply.craigslist.org

Use your email program as you normally would.

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Renewing

Want to make sure that buyers always see your post near the top of the list? Using the renew function (with an account) you can move your previously posted ad back to the top of the queue every 48 hours. (48 hours after it was posted / 48 hours after post was last renewed.)

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status	manage	posting title
Deleted	undelete	auto part for car - \$89
Active	edit delete	Skilled home interior painter -
Active	edit delete	Pontoon boat - \$25000
Active	edit delete renew	Cool bike - \$150

Safety Tips

- When selling, meet buyers away from your home
- Post as little personal information as possible including your phone number, email, and address
- Always see items in person before you purchase them
- Avoid cashing checks or wire transfers
- Bring a friend or let someone know where you're going
- And finally **be cynical** if something seems too good to be true, a little off, or questionable -- walk away or verify a buyer or seller's legitimacy.

Account or No Account

Using Craigslist is one of the few sites that does not require an account. However, having an account will give you access to the following features:

- Renew ads
- Repost ads more easily
- Save drafts
- Email contact information saved