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How do I post a free posting?

The best way to post a free posting is to visit [our home page](#) and click on "post to classifieds". It's located on the left-hand side of the page in the shaded area. Fill out our online form and proceed from there.

All free postings are now in self-service mode, which works like this:

1. you submit a posting.
2. you'll receive an email containing a link to an online form.
3. this form will allow you make last-minute changes and then publish your posting.
4. once published, your posting will appear on the site within 15 minutes.
5. keep your email, because you can use the link later to edit or delete the posting at any time.
6. if you lose or delete this email, and need it later, you can [have it resent](#).

Posting from a [craigslist account](#) will allow you to post, edit, delete, and repost without requiring the self-publishing email.

PLEASE NOTE: any posting that offers employment is considered to be a job posting, and should therefore be submitted by selecting "jobs" during the posting process.

[General posting guidelines](#)

How can I edit my posting?

Edits for postings are now self-service (except for [jobs](#)).

If you posted while logged in to your account, you can edit your posting from [your account homepage](#).

Otherwise, use the link provided in the same self-posting email you used originally to self-post. If you can't find this, try [having it re-sent](#).

Note: Editing your post will not bring it up to the current date. You'll need to post a new listing to bring it to the top of the list (please, no more often than [every 48 hours](#)).

How long does my posting stay on the site?

Posting Type	Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, Seattle, SF Bay Area, Wash, DC	All other cities
<i>Classifieds</i>	7 days	45 days
<i>Resumes</i>	30 days	45 days
<i>Jobs</i>	30 days	45 days
<i>Gigs</i>	30 days	45 days
<i>Events</i>	Until posted event date range expires	

NOTE: Brokered housing posts in New York City remain in the listings for 30 days.

How can I delete my posting?

Deletions are now self-service.

If you posted while logged in to your account, you can delete your posting from [your account homepage](#).

Otherwise, use the same link provided in the self-posting email that you used to post the ad originally. If you can't find this, try [having it re-sent](#).

Please note, all postings are automatically deleted [upon expiration](#).

How do I repost my posting?

You'll need to [submit a new posting](#). We CAN NOT repost a free listing for you.

How often can I post?

You may post to one category and in one city, no more often than about every 48 hours.

If you are submitting a post that is similar to another currently active post of yours on the site, you will get a blocked message. Removing the active post will allow you to post the new ad,

unless the active post is less than 48 hours old.

If you've lost the email that allows you to manage/remove your post, you can have it resent here:

<http://www.craigslist.org/cgi-bin/resent>.

How can I post anonymously and still receive responses?

When submitting a posting, you are asked to provide your email address.

We've provided three options for you under this field:

1. Your email address appears in your posting just as you have typed it.
2. We [anonymize](#) your email address. We relay responses to your actual email address.
3. No email address is shown at all – you'll need to provide contact information in the "Other ways people should contact you" box.

Selecting the last two options will guarantee anonymity, but only the second option allows you to receive emails.

If you are posting in the personal categories, option #1 is not available.

I have not received the email to publish my free posting, what should I do?

If you have successfully submitted your posting, but have not received the email to self-publish your post:

- If you are using an online email account, please check your bulk mail folder.
- You may have entered your email address incorrectly on the posting form -- it only takes one typo!
- Your email provider may be experiencing delays, or be having trouble connecting to craigslist for mail. This is especially prevalent these days for some of the free email providers.

Don't despair, you can always [have your self-posting email re-sent](#).

Posting from a [craigslist account](#) will allow you to post without

requiring the self-publishing email.

I published my posting but I don't see it on the list?

For **free** postings it takes approximately 15 minutes from the time you publish the posting until it appears on the site.

If your posting does not appear in the category where you posted it, try to REFRESH or RELOAD your browser. The refresh/reload option is usually located along the top of your browser. If you do not see it there, try clicking the right button on your mouse. If you do not refresh/reload, you might not be seeing the most current version of the page and you will not see your posting.

Can I add a picture to my posting?

In some categories, you will be offered the option to Add Images to your posting during the posting process.

Additionally, you can do that using the HTML `` tag, but the picture must already be on a site someplace. There are many free web hosting sites on the internet where you can upload your picture, just type in "free web hosting" into your search engine. Make sure that the site allows you to link to their site from another. If it's on a site, say on www.craigslist.org, in a directory called `/about/teamPix`, and named `homer.gif`, you'd code:

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It'd look like an actual photo of Craig you see on the right. (The align and alt attributes are useful, but not necessary.)

If you do this, you're using HTML, so see the next question.



Can I add HTML tags or URLs in my posting?

Traditional processing, no HTML:

If you include a URL in the text, make sure you also include the **http://** in front of the URL or our system will not recognize it, and will not make it an active link.

You can use HTML in the posting body

If you want, you can use HTML sparingly. We don't try to wrap HTML around your URLs if we see HTML tags including `<a>`, ``, `<p>`. We just pass through your HTML unchanged.

Please use only the HTML you'd use in the `<body>` of a document, no `<title>` or anything like that. We can't support JavaScript, applets, Flash, or other embedded non-HTML content.

* **Note:** If you use HTML in any part of your posting you must use it throughout the entire body of your posting.

How do I unsubscribe?

The best way to unsubscribe is to [request a link](#) to our Subscription Management Form. Follow the directions from there and be sure to use the **exact** e-mail address that you used to subscribe.

What kind of postings are prohibited?

Please consult the ["Conduct" section of our Terms of Use](#).

Category-specific guidelines posted in specific sections of the site must also be observed

Soliciting illegal activity either implicitly or explicitly on craigslist is prohibited.

We also provide a partial list of [items prohibited for sale or trade](#) on craigslist.

What should I do if someone harasses me by posting a prank posting?

If you suspect that you are the target of a posting prank, please contact abuse@craigslist.org immediately, and ask to have the posting removed. Please have ready the posting title, category, and email address (if available).

We take cases of abuse and pranking very seriously and will work with folks in helping them understand some of their legal options moving forward.

What recourse do I have for a transaction gone wrong or a person/post that is not being entirely honest?

If you feel you've been cheated in a transaction or that there is a post on the site that is false advertising, please let us know about it. However, in most cases, we can't do real investigation, you'll have to rely on the police and/or small claims court for that. We really want to help, but for the most part, this is beyond our limited resources. We hope we have your understanding on this.

Do you know of any sites like yours in any other places?

We just can't find anything genuine that's like what we do. Because of this and the demand from our growing community, we are expanding into new places. You can see where craigslist currently has a presence on our [cities page](#).

Can I post my ad on more than one craigslist site?

Please choose just ONE craigslist site for which your ad is most relevant – this should generally be the site closest to where you are located. If your ad is equally relevant to all locations, your ad does not belong on local craigslist sites at all, please find another service.

Posting the same ad to multiple locations is considered spamming, and is prohibited.

I saw a posting that sucked, and I want to say something about it – can I?

We don't support discussions in our posting categories. We consider a discussion posting as any announcement or statement that either responds to a previous posting or invites an undirected open response.

If you feel the need to give your opinion, please respond to the poster directly rather than publicly. Alternatively, you might find an audience for your discussion in our [discussion forums](#).

Posting discussion ads in the classifieds section will almost assuredly get your posting [flagged off the site](#).

Do you charge for postings advertising focus group opportunities?

We figure that focus group opportunities are jobs, and should be submitted under our et cetera jobs category. We hear from focus group companies that these postings are pretty effective.

I saw this great posting 6 months ago and would like to see it again.Can I?

Unfortunately, we don't make past postings available to the public for privacy reasons. If there is a legal reason you need to see a past posting, we will gladly cooperate with a valid subpoena for that information.

Where can I advertise my services/business on craigslist?

You are welcome to post in the "services offered" categories. Commercial posts outside of these categories are subject to removal by [community flagging](#) or staff.

Can I repost ads on craigslist as part of a for-profit Web operation?

For example, if I run a fee-based service which gets stuff posted on multiple websites, can I also send those postings to craigslist?

We don't normally allow that, since we feel that's contrary to our idea of community spirit, based on a lot of feedback. People are antsy about any kind of for-profit postings, particularly in housing.

Can I put a link in my for sale or tickets available posting to an auction site like ebay?

craigslist is not an auction site and we would really appreciate it if you could help us keep it that way. If you have something for sale, or even a place for rent, please post a set price. Please do not scalp tickets on craigslist. Thanks for your help with this!

Posting links to external auctions is considered spamming, and will likely get your postings [flagged off the site](#).

Can I scalp my tickets on craigslist?

craigslist does not condone selling tickets over face value. We see scalping to be a major disservice to the community and consider those using craigslist for this purpose to be abusing

the site.

This is a difficult issue for us in that we are unable to regulate this with any real equality since we can't know the price of every ticket in town. The community, however, is encouraged to police itself via [flagging](#), and remove overpriced tickets themselves.

Do you have any special requirements for movers/haulers?

We've heard from the CPUC that moving ads on our site need to include the CPUC CAL T permit number, or as they tell us:

The State of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires firms moving household goods to show a T-number in their ad. For information or to check a T-number, call the CPUC at (800) 366-4782

If you have a moving or hauling business and are posting on the site please post your T-number so the CPUC is aware that you are a registered mover otherwise your ad may be deleted.

If you are unsure about the CPUC's guidelines, please call them at the number above or go to their website:

<http://www.CPUC.ca.gov>

