

## Definition

"Whenever the owner or occupier of premises places a sign or notice upon the premises declaring that solicitors or canvassers are not permitted on the premises, it is unlawful for a person, firm or corporation, or agent, employee or representative of a person, firm or corporation, to enter upon such posted premises to solicit or canvass the owner or occupier." TMC 9-4-010

### What you can do to reduce the amount of mail you receive.

- Whenever you fill out information cards, surveys, warranty cards, or contests - clearly write "Please Do Not Sell My Name or Address."
- When you receive unwanted first class mail, you can cross out the address and bar code, circle the first class postage and write "refused: return to sender." Then, drop the letter into any mailbox.
- When you receive unwanted catalogs, write that company and request to have your name removed from their mailing list.
- Opt out of direct mail solicitations by visiting the Direct Marketing Association's "Mail Preference Service". You can also opt out of receiving pre-screened offers of credit at [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com).

**Check online for more opt-out options.**

## How do I know if a solicitor is legit?

**Information**– Get a business card or company information.

**Check for Licenses** – Ask if they have a city and state business license and confirm it.

**Business Registry** – See if the company is registered with the state. This will also give you an address to send a letter.

**CCB Online** – You can view CCB licenses online and verify if the company has one or is using a fake one or has judgments against them. Report any contradictions.

**Call the Company** – Express your concerns or displeasure to the company directly instead of the salesperson.

**Post Opinions Online** – The web is a great tool to let others know about your experience.

**Contact the BBB** – See if there are other complaints or make one.

**Contact the Department of Justice** – Check if others have made complaints or add your own.

**Contact Police** – If the person is aggressive, or will not leave the premises, call 911 if needed or the non-emergency number at 503.629.0111. Please have the person's description and vehicle information if possible.

## No Soliciting



City of Tualatin

Police Department

8650 SW Tualatin Road  
Tualatin, Oregon 97062

Main 503.691.4800

**Non-Emergency/Dispatch**

**503.629.0111**



[www.tualatinoregon.gov](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov)

## Knock Knock...

Door-to-door solicitors are a common sight in residential communities, particularly during the warmer months. Many people would much rather be left alone than have to talk to strangers who are trying to sell something, collect money for charity or educate people about their cause. Fortunately, there are steps that residents can take to reduce or eliminate the number of solicitors who come knocking at the door.

## Post

Post a sign that clearly states you don't want to be contacted by solicitors. Some solicitors feel that it's still worth a shot and will knock on your door anyway. Reminding them of the potential fine of \$500 may help them remember.

## Don't Answer

You are not obligated to answer the door. Make sure you have a peephole or window to look out of prior to unlocking and opening the door for anyone. If you don't want to talk simply say "no thank you" through the door.

Why do people solicit?  
Because it works!

## FAQ

**What is the fine for knocking or leaving written information behind on a clearly posted residence?** The base fine under TMC 9-4 is \$500. The resident must be willing to get involved for a citation to be issued.

**Why do companies leave flyers on my house?** Because it works! Many companies attach flyers to the building exterior near the walkway. This is most likely to avoid the no soliciting signs at the entryway. Additional signs may help deter more postings.

**What if I don't want the "Food Day" or the "Yellow Pages" anymore?** Call the phone number listed on the Food Day wrapper (503.221.8240). You can opt-out of phone books online at [www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com).

If a residence is clearly marked with a "No Soliciting" sign, solicitors are not supposed knock on the door or ring the doorbell. This does not stop all of them.

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No written information left behind please.  
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TMC 9-4