

When posting to the Forsale list, it's important to know that there is a 40,000 character limit to your message. If you've ever looked at the text equivalent of a picture or pdf file (you may sometimes see these when the file doesn't process correctly - you'll see lines and lines of seemingly random text), you will realize that 40,000 characters doesn't go very far. It's fine for a simple text message but if you include/attach images, pdfs or other large files, the message will be bounced. If you have a signature file with a graphic, that can be enough to exceed the limit and bounce the message.

A bounced message comes to me, as owner of the Forsale list, and I must approve it before it posts to the list. Have you ever noticed how you don't get any spam on the Forsale list? That's because those messages are bounce by our filters and I delete them before they reach you. On very rare occasions, I may actually contact you to rework a submission but usually I simply approve your messages, after verifying they are legitimate posts, and they continue on their way to Forsale land.

Unfortunately, as some of you have undoubtedly noticed, this can cause a delay in your postings reaching the list. I spend a large part of my day away from my office computer, particularly this time of year, which means I can't approve your messages. Also, I don't own a computer and have no internet at home so if I don't see a bounced message during my working hours, it will not be approved until the next morning. And, if you post a bounced message on the weekend, it won't be until Monday that it shows up on Forsale.

Feel free to resubmit your post multiple times but it won't speed up the process. :-  
) If it absolutely, positively needs to get out right away, KISS it. No images, no attachments, just text.

On a related note, when forwarding e-mail messages to lists or friends, do them and our servers a favor and trim all the fat. Forward just the body of the message and not its history of e-mail addresses and comments that can accumulate. Not only does this save bandwidth but it protects the privacy of others.