

# Junk Vehicles



Thousands of abandoned, junk vehicles lie rusting in yards, ravines, parking lots and open spaces throughout King County. In addition to being an eyesore, these vehicles damage the environment and attract more illegal dumping. However, getting rid of an abandoned junk vehicle is not always as simple as calling a junk yard to haul it away.

If you do not have the vehicle's title, the King County Solid Waste Division provides a service to help you complete the steps necessary to have the vehicle removed.

## Requesting assistance:

- Online at [your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/cleanup/report-junkvehicles.asp](https://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/cleanup/report-junkvehicles.asp)
- Call the King County Junk Vehicle Program at **206-477-0297**,  
Or toll free: 1-800-325-6165, ext.7-0297, TTY Relay: 711



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Department of  
Natural Resources and Parks  
**Solid Waste Division**

## Does it meet the legal definition of a “junk vehicle”?

To qualify, a vehicle must meet at least three of the following requirements:

- Must be three or more years old;
- Must be extensively damaged;
- Must be apparently inoperable;
- Must have a “Fair Market Value” that is equal to the approximate value of the scrap in it.

## How the process works:

- File a request for assistance with a Junk Vehicle. This service is provided at no cost.
- If your vehicle qualifies, a Junk Vehicle Affidavit can be issued. This document allows you to dispose of the vehicle.
- Contact a tow company, scrapper, or local scrap yard to arrange for transportation and disposal. Any cost associated with the towing or disposal would be your responsibility.

## What if it doesn't qualify as a “junk vehicle”?

Contact a local tow company and inquire about the “Abandoned Vehicle” impound process. King County cannot remove junk vehicles from private property and does not accept vehicles or major vehicle parts at County solid waste facilities.

## Useful Phone Numbers and Links:

- King County Solid Waste Division  
[your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/cleanup/junkvehicles.asp](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/cleanup/junkvehicles.asp)
- King County Department of Transportation  
[www.kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/roads/road-maintenance.aspx#abandonedvehicles](http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/roads/road-maintenance.aspx#abandonedvehicles)
- King County Code Enforcement: 206-296-6680 or 1-888-437-4771  
[www.kingcounty.gov/depts/permittingenvironmental-review/ce.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/permittingenvironmental-review/ce.aspx)
- On the road or road right-of-way call the Abandoned Vehicle Hotline
  - In Unincorporated King County **206-205-0969**
  - In Seattle **206-684-8763**
- Washington State Department of Licensing: regarding a lost title or other questions **360-902-3770** or [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov).

Alternate Formats Available  
206-296-4466, TTY Relay: 711