

REMOVAL OF ABANDONED OR UNWANTED VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY

To: Person Requesting Removal of Vehicles

Montana law provides the following options for removal of abandoned or unwanted vehicles from private property.

1. **IF YOU OWN THE VEHICLE**, contact the Missoula City-County Health Department to request removal of the vehicle.

Contact Point: Junk Vehicle Program
City-County Health Dept.
301 West Alder
Missoula, MT 59802-4123
(406) 258-4755 Ext. 3372

Program Requires: (1) Proof of ownership (title, registration, etc.) of the vehicle.
(2) Sign ownership over to the Junk Vehicle Program.
(3) There is no charge for removal and vehicles in any condition or state of repair may be removed under this program.

2. **IF YOU DO NOT OWN THE VEHICLE**, Montana law permits the removal of vehicles from private property at the request of the landowner. The vehicle must have been on the property for at least five days before law enforcement may remove it.

Contact Point: (a) Inside City limits:
City Police Department
435 Ryman Street
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 552-6300

(b) Outside City limits:
Missoula Sheriff's Department
200 West Broadway
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 258-4802

Program Requires: (1) Completion of form **by property owner or manager** requesting removal and agreeing to indemnify Sheriff against any claim that the vehicle was lawfully on the property.

(2) Return of form to Police Department for vehicles in City and to Sheriff for vehicles outside the City.

(3) The law enforcement agency which receives the form will then tag the vehicle which will be towed after 5 days, if not removed by the owner. There is no charge to the requesting property owner for the removal.