



IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO MOTOR VEHICLE SALVAGE YARD OPERATORS

Amended State Law Changes Requirements for Obtaining a Town License to Operate a Motor Vehicle Junkyard

Due to a change in state law effective January 1, 2007, all motor vehicle salvage yard operators seeking a required town-issued “junkyard” license under RSA 236:111-129 must certify in their license application that their salvage yard operates in compliance best management practices (BMPs) established by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services (DES). The BMPs are based on existing state and federal environmental protection requirements.

The enclosed booklet is a tool to help you do this*. Please read the instructions on page 1 to learn how to use the booklet to inspect your own salvage yard and figure out if you are following the BMPs.

If you are not following a BMP, you should fix the problem as soon as possible. If the problem can not be fixed before you must submit your “junkyard” license application to the town, you should let your town licensing officials know about the problem, what you propose to do to fix it, and when you will get it done. Many problems can be fixed simply by changing certain work habits or procedures.

Depending on your town’s particular needs, town licensing officials may ask you to sign a *Compliance Certification Statement* similar to the enclosed sample statement, and submit it as part of your license application.

Local License Facts

- With very few exceptions, state law (RSA 236:111-129) requires all motor vehicle salvage yard operators to have a license to operate from their town or city.
- The requirement has existed in law since 1965.
- If you don’t have a license to operate, you should get one and display it with pride.
- By law, the license must be renewed every year by April 1.
- By law, the license is required even if the salvage yard is grandfathered as to location. There is no grandfathering provision for the license to operate.

Before signing any compliance certification statement, make sure you inspect your own facility to see if you are actually following the BMPs. Remember: The requirement to follow the BMPs is not new. The BMPs are based on existing state and federal environmental protection requirements. It is your responsibility to know the BMPs and to consistently follow them.

Help is available! If you have questions about using the booklet, contact either the NH Green Yards Program or the NH Pollution Prevention Program (NHPPP), as shown below. Also, if you want FREE, CONFIDENTIAL help doing your first self-inspection, please contact the NHPPP.

NH Green Yards Program
 (603) 271-2938
 nhgreenyards@des.state.nh.us

NH Pollution Prevention Program (NHPPP)
 1-800-273-9469 or (603) 271-6460
 nhppp@des.state.nh.us

* Additional copies of the enclosed *Motor Vehicle Salvage Yard Environmental Compliance Manual & Self-Audit Checklist* can be downloaded at: www.des.nh.gov/sw/greenyards. Printed copies are in limited supply, so please keep track of your copy.