



Did You Know?

- Motor vehicles are the #1 recycled product in the US.
- In New Hampshire, over 50,000 vehicles reach their end of life *each year* — enough cars to fill both lanes of I-93 from Concord to Littleton!
- Over 85% of the material in motor vehicles, by weight, is recyclable.
- A single motor vehicle typically contains 5-10 gallons of fluid (gasoline, antifreeze, oil, etc.) when it's scrapped.
- One gallon of gasoline can contaminate 750,000 gallons of water — enough water to supply the average American for 20 years.
- There are over 150 auto salvage yards in New Hampshire.
- New Hampshire auto salvage yards are required to be licensed by their local municipality, and must comply with state environmental requirements.



Put your junk car in good hands.



Use only a **licensed auto recycler.**

To find out if a recycler is licensed, contact the municipal office that issues licenses in the city/town in which the yard is located.

For more information

For information about auto recycling in general and best management practices for protecting the environment at auto salvage yards, contact:

N.H. Department of Environmental Services
nhgreenyards@des.nh.gov

(603) 271-2938

www.des.nh.gov , search "Auto Salvage Yards."



**Do You Know
Where Your
Junk Car Goes?**



**Get the facts about auto
salvage yards before
you junk your car.**



Who cares where my junk car goes? YOU should.

Leaving junk cars to decay in the woods, beside the road, or in your backyard is wasteful.



Over 85 percent of the material in junk cars can be recycled. Recycling junk cars for used parts and scrap saves money, natural resources and energy.

Recycling junk cars can also protect the environment. Motor vehicles contain gas, oil, antifreeze, refrigerants, lead, mercury and other contaminants that are harmful to human health and the environment, if they are allowed to get into our drinking water, air and soil.



When junk cars are properly recycled, the contaminants are removed and disposed of properly, before they can pollute the environment. This requires following best management practices and caring about doing the job right.

Not all motor vehicle salvage yards are created equal.

Motor vehicle salvage yards that follow good management practices can prevent contaminants from polluting our environment.

Poorly managed motor vehicle salvage yards, on the other hand, may use sloppy practices that allow gasoline, mercury and other pollutants to enter nearby drinking water, or worse.

There are over 150 auto salvage yards in New Hampshire. Motor vehicle salvage yards need to be licensed by the municipality in which they are located. This is important because to be licensed, operators must certify that they are in compliance with the state's best management practices for environmental protection.

What to look for in a well run salvage yard.

A highly effective auto salvage yard exhibits these good management practices:

- Presents a good business image, starting at the front entrance.
- Has a step-by-step process for handling all vehicles from the moment they arrive until they are shipped off-site.
- Knows what is stored on-site, how long it has been there, and has a plan for getting it to its final destination.
- Uses good housekeeping practices, is well organized, has no clutter or excess debris.



- Keeps stuff off the ground and under cover, labels just about everything, and regularly inspects.
- Implements good spill prevention and response measures.
- Has a commitment to continuous improvement; stays current with laws and business practices.
- Takes pride in doing things the right way.
- Works hard to be a good neighbor and earn community respect and trust.