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JUNK VEHICLES

Why does the City regulate Junk Vehicles?

Junk vehicles can pose a public nuisance. Additionally, we all want to live in clean and aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods. By regulating junk vehicles that are kept in driveways or on vacant lots we avoid potentially hazardous nuisances and keep our neighborhoods free of junk vehicle clutter.

What is a Junk Vehicle?

The definition of a junk vehicle in Edmonds is a vehicle meeting at least 2 of the following criteria:

1. Is extensively damaged, including but not limited to any of the following conditions: a broken or missing windshield or missing wheels, tires, motor or transmission.
2. Is apparently inoperable;
3. Is without valid current registration plates;
4. Has a approximate fair market value equal only to the approximate value of the scrap in it.

If you want to report a Junk Vehicle

In order to take action on a junk vehicle, a Request for Code Enforcement Action form must be completed and submitted to the City. An online form is available at [Code Enforcement Request - City of Edmonds, WA \(edmondswa.gov\)](http://Code Enforcement Request - City of Edmonds, WA (edmondswa.gov)). Questions? Contact Code Enforcement at (425)771-0220, ext. 1716, or email codeenforcement@edmondswa.gov.

If you have a Junk Vehicle

Vehicles meeting any two of the outline criteria are subject to enforcement and may be abated per ECC 6.20.060. To avoid enforcement actions, these vehicles must be removed, placed in a garage or located in the rear yard and screened by a five-foot opaque fence or vegetative barrier. For more information regarding enforcement for junk vehicles, contact Code Enforcement at (425)771-0220, ext. 1716 or email codeenforcement@edmondswa.gov.

It is important to remember that junk vehicles may only be considered a violation if they are kept in an unenclosed manner on a person's property. Once vehicles are completely enclosed within a legally built structure (garage) the violation no longer exists.