

# FREE Vehicle Removal

*Can't get rid of that old car or small truck because you lost the paper work? You were going to fix it, but never got around to it?*

Don't worry, we can help. As a public service, the City of Corona, Code Enforcement Division can arrange to have the vehicle removed from your property absolutely FREE of charge. Thanks to Abandoned Vehicle Abatement funds available from the



State Department of Motor Vehicles, the City is able to provide this service to the community. All you need to do is call us and our staff will take care of all the details. You'll be helping to do your part to improve your neighborhood

## Who to Contact

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## City Of Corona Community Development Code Enforcement Division

*“Promoting and Sustaining  
Quality Development”*

# Vehicle Abatement Program

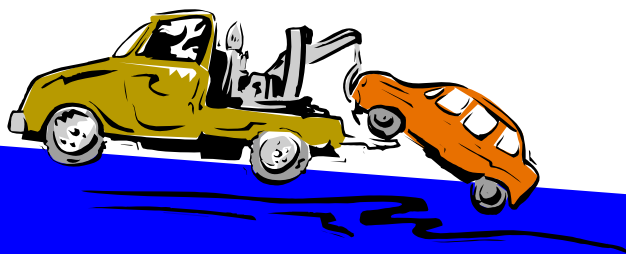


# Introduction

The purpose of the Vehicle Abatement program is to reduce the amount of abandoned, wrecked, and inoperative vehicles stored on private property which create a public nuisance, and that are in violation of the Corona Municipal Code. These types of vehicles when stored visible to the public create blight and special hazards.



In 1992, the County of Riverside was able to form a vehicle Abatement Service Authority with cities of the Riverside County area. As a member of the Service Authority, the City of Corona is entitled to the reimbursement of expenses related to vehicle abatement efforts, including enforcement. With this additional funding, we have been able to create a program that offers FREE removal and disposal of inoperative or wrecked vehicles as a service to the community.



# Common Questions and Issues

The following are the most common questions and issues concerning abandoned, inoperative, wrecked, or dismantled vehicles:

◆ ***What is an inoperative vehicle?***

The term “Operative” means functioning effectively. Vehicles that are missing parts such as an engine, transmission, tires, battery, or other parts necessary to operate the vehicle, are considered “inoperative”. In general, the vehicle must be in drivable condition without having to perform special procedures to start and drive the vehicle. Vehicles with body damage that would prevent the vehicle from being driven safely are also considered inoperative or wrecked. Vehicles that are in such condition have a tendency to create an eyesore, can be detrimental to property values, create a health and safety hazard, and an attractive nuisance to the public, specifically to children. Such conditions are considered a public nuisance.

◆ ***I know my car doesn't run, but I'm restoring it. I just haven't had time to work on it.***

Section 8.04.150 of the Corona Municipal Code makes it a violation and a misdemeanor to park, store, or leave a vehicle in such a condition on private property when in public view for more than five days. Restoration or repair work should be conducted in your garage.

◆ ***My car was parked on the street and I got a ticket so I moved it onto my driveway. Is it okay to park it on the driveway?***

Parking violations are a separate offense enforced by the Police Department. Relocating an inoperative or wrecked vehicle onto your property when improperly stored creates a new and separate violation.

◆ ***I would put it in my garage, but I don't have room. Can't I just put a car cover on it?***

No. The law requires that it be stored within an enclosed garage or behind a solid six foot wall or fence so it is not visible to public or private property. The City's zoning law also requires that you make your garage or other required parking area available for parking.

# Violations

Section 8.04.030 of the Corona Municipal Code requires that an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle be stored within a completely enclosed building, or behind a solid fence six feet in height. Property owners, occupants, and vehicle owners who do not comply with this provision are subject to a written citation. In addition, Section 8.04.050 of the Corona Municipal Code allows the City to abate, or otherwise remove and dispose of vehicles from private property that violate these provisions that are considered a public nuisance. Vehicles removed under these provisions are destroyed and can't be recovered. Written notice and the opportunity to have a hearing are provided prior to such action.

# How to File a Complaint

Complaints may be filed with the Code Enforcement Division by mail, telephone, e-mail or through the City of Corona website (see back cover). When making a report, please provide the following Information:

- *The specific address or location where the vehicle is located.*
- *Description, make and color of the vehicle if known.*
- *Condition of the vehicle (flat tires, missing engine, transmission, wrecked, dismantled, etc.)*
- *Your name, address and phone number if you wish to be contacted.*

\*Contact the Corona Police Department at (951) 736-2234 to report vehicles on the public street.