



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 4.20.05 Disposal of Junked Vehicles**

**Section:** 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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[R.S. 32:1719-1720](#)

[R.S. 32:1728.2-.3](#)

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**Definitions:**

- **Junked vehicle** - any vehicle which is in such a state of deterioration that it cannot be profitably restored and has a fair market value of \$500 or less as determined by using the rough trade-in value shown in the most recent National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) guide.
- **Crush or dismantle** - to render the vehicle in such a state that it cannot be used or rebuilt for use.

**Requirements:** The following documents must be secured by the owner/operator of the towing/storage facility before requesting permission for the vehicle to be sold to a licensed crusher or dismantler. The facility must retain these documents for a minimum of three (3) years. These documents shall be open to inspection by any law enforcement officer during regular business hours.

- An affidavit of physical inspection. The physical inspection must be performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officer who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.
- An appraisal based on the most recent NADA guide. The appraisal must contain vehicle identification number, year, make, and model of the junk vehicle, NADA rough trade-in value, actual value if vehicle is valued lower than indicated by NADA and reason if the value is less than the NADA value, name of the storage/repair facility, address of the storage repair facility, printed name and signature of the storage/repair facilities representative completing the appraisal, and the date the appraisal was conducted. [Vehicle Appraisal Form DPSMV1820](#) may be used.

- Clear color photographs of each side of the vehicle prior to crushing
- A copy of the Official Report of Stored Vehicle (ORSV)
- A copy of the notice that was mailed to the last registered owner, lien holder, and any other person with an ownership interest in the vehicle. Form [DPSMV1821](#) may be used.
- The original certificate of mailing stamped by the Post Office.
- The returned unopened envelope with the postal marking indicating an attempt to deliver the notice, if applicable.

Each owner/operator of a tow facility, licensed by Louisiana State Police, Towing and Recovery Unit, who possesses a vehicle that meets the definition of junk as stated above may make application for crushing or dismantling of the vehicle at the expiration of thirty days from the mailing of the notice. The tow/storage facility **SHALL** make application and receive authorization from the Office of Motor Vehicles prior to disposing of any vehicle defined as junk.

The application for permission to crush/dismantle a junk vehicle is to be entered on the Office of Motor Vehicles official website at [www.expresslane.org](http://www.expresslane.org). The following information will be required:

- Storage Inspection License number as issued by Louisiana State Police, Towing and Recovery Unit
- Vehicle Identification number, make, year, and body style of the junk vehicle
- The date the notice was mailed
- Appraisal value of junk as based on the most recent NADA.

The Office of Motor Vehicle shall grant approval or notify the owner-operator of denial of request for permission to dispose of the vehicle within ten (10) business days from the submission of the application. The vehicle may be released to a licensed crusher or licensed dismantler once approval is received.

Once the vehicle is sold to a licensed crusher or dismantler the owner-operator must submit a receipt of sale. The receipt **SHALL** be submitted to the Office of Motor Vehicles via the official website at [www.expresslane.org](http://www.expresslane.org). The following information will be required:

- Storage Inspection License number as issued by Louisiana State Police, Towing and Recovery Unit
- Vehicle Identification number, make, year, and body style of the junk vehicle
- Date of sale
- The following information pertaining to the crusher/dismantler: name, license number, address
- Name of person authorized to dispose of the vehicle to crusher/dismantler

A towing/storage facility must follow the same procedure for any abandoned vehicle removed at the request of a municipal or parochial authority. The facility must also maintain documentation of the request from the municipality or parish policing authority (acting under R.S. 32:473.1) which directed that vehicle to be removed.