

# Disposal of Junk Vehicles

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Junk vehicles must either be recycled or properly disposed in a permitted landfill. The solid waste regulations prohibit the use of junk vehicles for stabilizing slopes or controlling erosion. Not all landfills will accept junk vehicles, in which case the vehicles must be handled by some other means. **Contact your local landfill or government office for further information.**

Prior to disposal or recycling, the vehicle must have all the fluids drained and batteries removed. The following chart summarizes how to prepare a vehicle for recycling or disposal.

### **Vehicles include:**

Cars, trucks, airplanes, ATVs, motorcycles, snow machines, outboard motors, etc.

### **Preparing a Vehicle for Recycling or Disposal**

<b>Crankcase Oil</b>	The plug must be removed and all oil drained.
<b>Brake Fluid</b>	The master cylinder reservoir must be empty and at least one brake line disconnected.
<b>Transmission Fluid</b>	Transmissions, transaxles, and transfer cases must be drained of all fluids.
<b>Rear End Differential</b>	Axle housing must be drained of all oil; cover plates and drain plugs removed.
<b>Fuel Tank</b>	All gas/fuel must be removed.
<b>Radiator</b>	The lower radiator hose should be disconnected and the radiator drained.
<b>Batteries</b>	All batteries must be removed.

All fluids and batteries removed from a vehicle must be stored safely prior to recycling or disposal. Lead-acid batteries can be recycled; used oil can be burned as fuel in a properly designed waste oil burner, and other fluids should be sent for recycling. Batteries and fluids should be stored in leak-proof covered containers or inside on a pallet with a liner or sorbent to catch leaks. Vehicle fluids should not be mixed together in order to avoid chemical reactions and eliminate the added testing, shipping, and disposal costs of mixed materials. Vehicle batteries and fluids cannot be disposed in the landfill.

