

RECYCLED LICENSE PLATES

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Vehicle Title and Registration Notice

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Highlights

- *Nonprofit organizations may participate in the recycling program*
- *Motor vehicle owners may recycle their old, outdated, or expired license plates*
- *Nonprofit organizations may retain the proceeds for recycling the plates*
- *Request permission to participate in writing to the Department of Revenue*



References:

T.C.A. § 55-4-103(j)

INTRODUCTION

This notice is intended to provide nonprofit organizations, motor vehicle owners, and county clerks with information concerning changes in Tennessee motor vehicle registration laws related to recycling motor vehicle license plates.

Effective January 1, 2009, nonprofit organizations may apply to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Revenue for the collection, disposal, and recycling of used, expired, or outdated license plates.

DISCUSSION

Tenn. Code Ann. Section 55-4-103 requires that motor vehicle license plates must be renewed or replaced when they become outdated, mutilated or defaced beyond what is acceptable in the law, or when otherwise replaced with a new license plate.

Motor vehicle owners may recycle old, outdated, or expired license plates by depositing them in recycling bins located within each county location where vehicle license plates are issued, provided there is a participating nonprofit group servicing that location.

Renewal notices received by motor vehicle owners will contain information regarding the recycling program. Specific information about the actual county sites for depositing the used, outdated, and expired license plates may be obtained from the county clerk's office at the time the motor vehicle owner is issued a new license plate.

Participation Requirements

Nonprofit organizations may enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Revenue for the collection, disposal, and recycling of used, expired, or outdated license plates, including the placement and maintenance of recycling bins at county facilities where license plates are issued and transportation of the license plates to a recycling facility.

As part of the agreement, nonprofit organizations may retain the proceeds from the collection, disposal, and recycling of used, expired, and outdated license plates.

Organizations selected to participate in the recycling program will be asked to sign a contract with the Department and to strictly comply with the requirements stated therein.

Participation in the recycling program is limited. Special consideration will be given to qualified organizations capable of maintaining recycling bins for multiple locations across the state. Organizations interested in participating in the recycling program should submit a request in writing to Taxpayer and Vehicle Services, 44 Vantage Way, Suite 160, Nashville, TN. 37243-8050. Please include contact information and list the county office locations where you would like to set up and maintain a recycling bin. For more information regarding the recycle program, please call our vehicle services call center at 888/871-3171 or 615/741-3101 or e-mail us at Email.T&R@state.tn.us.

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