

Act of Abandonment-Misdemeanor

7.28.250 of the Del Norte County Ordinance Code

It is unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person to abandoned, park, store, or leave or permit the abandonment, parking, storing , or leaving of any licensed or unlicensed vehicle or parts thereof which is abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or in an inoperative condition upon any private property or public property, including highways, within the county for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) or more consecutive hours unless such vehicle is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler or licensed vehicle dealer or junk yard or when such storage of parking is necessary to the operation of a lawfully conducted business or commercial enterprise.

22524 (a) of the California Vehicle Code

The abandonment of any vehicle in a manner as provided in Section 22523 shall constitute a prima facie presumption that the last registered owner of record is responsible for the abandonment and is thereby liable for the cost of removal and disposition of the vehicle.

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Recreational Vehicle and Travel Trailer Disposal Guide.



Resource guide for the proper disposal of recreational vehicles and travel trailers at the end of their service life.

Considerations of outcome.

Abandoned RV's and trailers are becoming more of an issue along highways and public lands in our community. Often times RV's and trailers are given away or sold for a minimal amount at the end of their serviceable life thus creating the increased potential these vehicles will end up littering our streets and public lands creating nuisance conditions and burdening the tax payer.

Code Enforcement on average tows around 75 abandoned vehicles a year. It is common when an aged RV or trailer is sold the buyer fails to insure or register the vehicle in their name. The cost to remove and dispose of an abandoned RV or trailer can cost upwards of \$2000.00. These costs are manifested by the location of the abandoned RV/trailer, dilapidation, vandalism, or being filled with trash before abandonment.



It is not uncommon for trailers to be lit on fire at abandonment locations.

Resources for proper disposal of recreational vehicles or travel trailers.

Del Norte County Transfer Station and Curry Transfer & Recycling are equipped to accept and lawfully dispose of RV's and trailers for the registered owner.

Del Norte County Transfer Station *

1700 State Street, Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 465-1100

* Accepts travel trailers only. (No vehicles with an engine)

Curry Transfer & Recycling-Brookings, Oregon

17498 Carpenterville Road, Brookings, OR 97415
(541) 469-2425

Both facilities above will require the holding tanks be emptied before disposal.

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If the circumstances of acquisition leave one in possession of a RV or travel trailer without a title, County Code Enforcement may be of assistance with the legal process for disposal per the California Vehicle Code. Examples may include abandonment by a family member or an inheritance.

981 H Street, Ste. 110, Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 464-7254

Local towing companies for towing of recreational vehicles or travel trailers.

California Auto Image

215 W Washington Blvd, Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 464-3354

Northcrest Auto Center

1165 McNamara Rd, Crescent City, CA 95531 (707)
464-5626

Robertson's Automotive

1377 2nd St, Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 464-2422

Affordable Tow & Auto Care

1044 U.S. Hwy 101 N, Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 464-6464

