

## What Auto Dismantlers Must Do To Comply With Government Regulations

This fact sheet is intended to help Oregon automobile dismantling businesses comply with local, state and federal environmental regulations and follow best operating practices. An automobile dismantler is anyone who takes motor vehicles apart.

An auto dismantler must evaluate what regulations apply to their business and obtain the necessary land use approvals and permits before beginning operations.

Auto dismantlers may need to comply with the following regulations:

- The city or county may need to approve the business location and land use and issue building permits.
- A DEQ waste tire storage permit may be required. Businesses with a DMV Dismantler Certificate must get a permit when storing over 100 waste tires. Most other businesses must get a permit when storing over 100 waste tires.
- A DEQ air quality permit may be needed for painting, grinding, sandblasting, and other activities that may cause emissions.
- A DEQ stormwater permit may be needed to control water runoff from the site.
- A DMV Dismantler Certificate from the Oregon Department of Transportation may be required.
- Certain wastes such as solvents, paint, oily debris, lead weights, mercury switches and other hazardous material must be evaluated to determine if they are hazardous waste, and if so, auto dismantlers need to follow DEQ and EPA hazardous waste labeling, storage, and transportation requirements.
- Flammable materials may be regulated by the local Fire Marshal's Office.
- If there are hazardous materials on site, the auto dismantler may need to report these materials to the Oregon State Fire Marshall.
- An EPA Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures plan may be needed for storage of over 1,320 gallons of petroleum products.



*Auto dismantlers and DEQ can work together to help reduce environmental impacts.*

### Best management practices

All auto dismantling activities should be done inside buildings and on paved surfaces to prevent spills or emissions that may harm water, land or air. Perform all cutting, breaking or grinding in ways that keep down dust. Manage all products, waste, and other materials to prevent spills, emissions, fires or other hazards to people and the environment. Collect all removed fluids and place them into proper containers that are closed, labeled and kept under cover. The operator will need to decide what materials to reuse, recycle, or dispose of, and understand all applicable requirements.

### Auto dismantler handbook

DEQ's Auto Dismantler Handbook provides detailed guidance on best management practices to help auto dismantlers prevent environmental pollution and meet regulations. The manual covers these topics:

- Managing incoming vehicles
- Managing vehicle fluids
- Salvaging and managing automobiles and parts
- Vehicle crushing
- Container management
- Housekeeping
- Spills and leaks
- Emergency response
- Training
- Record-keeping

The [Auto Dismantler Handbook](#) is available for free at <http://bit.ly/AutoDismantlerInfo> or by calling 503-229-5696.



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Visit <http://bit.ly/AutoDismantlerInfo>

Learn more about DEQ's waste tire management program at <http://bit.ly/TirePermit>

Free hazardous waste technical assistance is available from DEQ. Contact your local DEQ office, or visit <http://bit.ly/HWAssist>

File a pollution complaint online at <http://bit.ly/PollutionComplaint> or by calling 1-888-997-7888

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