

To report a parking problem call the Tacoma Police Department's non-emergency number 253-798-4721 and choose Option 1.

Some examples of parking complaints would include: vehicles in limited time zone areas, cars blocking traffic, neighborhood parking issues, or someone living in a vehicle.

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

Abandoned Auto Hot-Line	591-5926
ADA Coordinator	594-5785
Call-2-Haul	573-2468
Code Enforcement	591-5072
Crack Track	475-2725
Domestic Violence	591-5164
Gang Tip Line	594-7867
Graffiti Hotline	591-5001
Fair Housing	591-5043
Hazardous Waste	591-5418
Landlord/Tenant Coordinator	594-5163
Neighborhood Crime Prevention	594-5277

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

Safe Streets	272-6824
Sidewalks (hazardous)	591-5270
Streetlights (burned out)	591-5287
Street repairs (flooding)	591-5495
9-1-1 non-emergency	798-4721
Police Sector 1 NE Tacoma: 4731 Norpoint Way NE And Central Tacoma: 1524 Martin Luther King Way	594-7970 594-7800
Police Sector 2 5136 N. 26th St.	573-2508
Police Sector 3 1501 S. 72nd St.	594-7838
Police Sector 4 3524 McKinley St.	594-7947

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Junk and Abandoned Vehicles

Keeping Illegal Activity out of
Neighborhoods and Businesses.

**City of Tacoma
Crime Free Programs**

Tel: (253) 591-5048

City of Tacoma Municipal Code 8.23

Have you ever wondered if there was anything you could do about your neighbor's unsightly, derelict vehicle? The City of Tacoma has a remedy for these "Public Nuisance Vehicles", and all it takes to initiate a complaint and investigation is a phone call to **Code Enforcement at (253) 591-5001**.

The City defines a "Public Nuisance Vehicle" (AKA Junk Vehicle) as a vehicle, or parts of a vehicle, that meet three of the following criteria:

- 1) It is Extensively Damaged;
 - A) The Vehicle does not appear to comply with requirements for safe and legal operation on public streets or highways with regard to licensing, brakes, lights, tires, safety glass, or other safety equipment; or
 - B) A Vehicle that has been determined by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to be unfit for use due to contamination from methamphetamine or other substances, which are harmful to human health or the environment; or
 - C) Other circumstances or conditions that are evidence that the Vehicle is not currently operable, including, but not limited to, a Vehicle having its passenger compartment filled with trash or debris, vegetation growing inside, around, or on the vehicle, or other evidence that the vehicle has not been moved for an extended period of time.

- 2) It is Apparently Inoperable;
 - A) Means such damage including, but not limited to, any of the following: a broken window or windshield or missing wheels, tires, motor, or transmission.
- (3) It is three years old or older; and
- (4) It has an approximate fair market value equal to the scrap value; (see exceptions below)



Exceptions:

- 1) The Vehicle, or parts thereof, is completely enclosed within a building, or
- 2) The Vehicle, or parts thereof, is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the legal business of a licensed dismantler; motor vehicle wrecker; licensed vehicle dealer; junk, salvage, or wrecking yard; provided, that the business is in compliance with the provisions of the Tacoma Municipal Code and the property is fenced, as required by RCW 46.80.130.

Abandoned Auto Hotline

The City of Tacoma offers an Abandoned Auto Hotline which allows citizens to report vehicles that they believe to be abandoned. The Hotline number is (253) 591-5926 and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tacoma Municipal Code Section 11.05.230

prohibits parking or storage of any type of vehicle on City right of way for more than 7 days.

An abandoned vehicle is a vehicle that has been left on city streets for an extended period and may have one or more of the following conditions:

- * Is unused or inoperable
- * In a state of disrepair
- * Major components missing
- * Has flat tires,
- * Has expired or missing license plates.

The hotline is automated. When reporting an abandoned vehicle please include the following:

- * Location
- * Description of the vehicle
- * License plate number if available.
- * Name and phone number (optional)

An Abandoned Vehicle Enforcement Officer will respond to most complaints the following day. If the officer finds a vehicle to be in violation, a warning tag will be placed on the vehicle.

After a vehicle has been tagged the owner has up to 7 days to remove it. If the vehicle has not been removed after that time, the City has the authority to impound and / or dispose of the vehicle at the registered owner's expense.