

Why Participate in the Abandoned Auto Program?

The purpose of this program is to provide a helping hand to encourage residents to send their “end-of-life” vehicles and other scrap metal to be managed properly (recycled) rather than wasting away in yards or shelter belts around the county.

The big advantage of this program is that once approved, the resident gets the vehicles/scrap metal picked up and hauled for them at **no charge**. The scrap metal processor may even provide compensation for some vehicles.

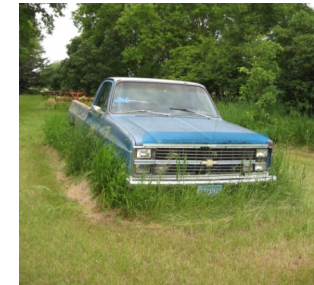
This countywide voluntary program is designed to reduce the number of inoperable car/truck bodies and other types of scrap metal around the county. Abandoned vehicles and other scrap materials not only create potential health hazards (rodent harborage) but also take up usable space and create some unsightly property.

Your participation in this program will also help ensure compliance with the County Public Nuisance Ordinance.



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This program is designed to help residents and landowners in Clay County remove abandoned vehicles, some small farm machinery, and possibly other scrap metal from their property at no cost to them.

During the program's first seven seasons almost all of the applications that were received were deemed feasible and completed during the summers of '02—'09. The responses that were not accepted to this program involved farm machinery that was too big to haul and scrap piles that didn't fit the guidelines of the program.

Over 100 abandoned vehicles have been collected through this program and over 150 collections of scrap metal and machinery. This all adds up to more than 60 tons of scrap collected through the program.

The guidelines of this program have been designed and agreed upon between Clay County and the contracted scrap metal processors.

Guidelines for this Program

Each car & truck submitted to this program will be accepted, *provided the guidelines below are met:*

- ◆ Vehicle (s) must be accessible without tree/brush removal or any other structural or vegetative alterations needed to be done by the scrap metal processor upon pick up.
- ◆ Vehicle (s) must not be buried/sunken into the soil as to require excavation work by scrap metal processor upon pick up.
- ◆ No more than four tires per vehicle (in or on) will be accepted.
- ◆ Vehicle does not exceed 18' in length, 10' in height or 8' in width.
- ◆ Vehicles must not contain any materials unrelated to that vehicle.
- ◆ Vehicle (s) must be resting on property within borders of Clay County.

Farm Machinery

Some small farm machinery may be accepted to this program provided the guidelines above are met. The contracted scrap metal processor may decline pick up based on feasibility issues even if the machinery fits the guidelines above.

Other Scrap Metal

Some other scrap metal may be eligible for this program through a few different scenarios:

- ◆ Upon approval of the scrap metal processor, scrap metal may be hauled (by resident) and dropped off at the scrap yard at no cost.
- ◆ Some various scrap metals may be eligible for pick up if the scrap metal processor is already traveling to that site to pick up a vehicle and deems it feasible to accept the additional scrap.

Getting Started

Fill out the information below and send to:
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Please Print

Name _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Township: _____ Section: _____ 1/4 _____

___ Yes, I would like to participate in the Clay County Abandoned Auto Program. By my signature at the bottom, I declare that I am a resident of Clay County and/or the property owner where the submitted vehicle (s)/scrap metal resides. Furthermore, the vehicle (s)/scrap metal that I am submitting has not been **accumulated by a non-farm commercial business (current or former)**. Also, I understand that I will be signing a separate release form relevant to the removal of vehicle (s)/scrap metal from my property and understand that my scrap metal must meet the guidelines set forth and be deemed a feasible task to complete.

If you have any questions contact:
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