



Automotive Recyclers of Washington (AROW)

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About AROW

AROW is the vehicle recycling industry association in Washington State. Over 350,000 vehicles are disposed of in Washington State every year. Vehicle recyclers play a key role by removing and reselling usable parts from in-operable or damaged vehicles. Reuse is far better for the environment than even recycling because used parts do not require energy and other resources to make replacement parts. Vehicle recyclers make it easy for consumers to find clean and very serviceable used parts for all years, makes and models of vehicles. Vehicle recyclers also play a major role in protecting the environment by removing and recycling vehicle fluids like oils, anti-freeze, gasoline, brake fluid, mercury containing components, air conditioning gases, etc. Once all of the reusable parts have been removed, they prepare the remaining vehicle for metal recycling. Seventy-five percent of the material in a vehicle is currently reused or recycled, as opposed to about 61% of aluminum cans. And, vehicle recyclers do all of this at no cost to the public. The industry provides 140,000 family wage jobs nationally and generates and pays business taxes to help support federal, state and local government operations.

Nationally, approximately 10 million vehicles are dismantled to recover reusable parts and recycled annually, making cars the number one reused/recycled product in the United States. Vehicle recycling generates approximately 12 million tons of recycled steel every year in the United States, 37% of all ferrous scrap, generating an energy savings of approximately 74%, enough energy to power 18 million households for one year.

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Other Important Links

- [ARA Auto Recyclers Association](#) (national organization) AROW is an affiliate member of ARA
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Resources

Vehicle recyclers have a number of unique laws and regulations to comply with in addition to running a business. AROW provides access and information about those laws and regulation and assists AROW members with complying with those laws and regulations including but not limited to:

- **Wrecker Licensing**
- **Scrap Processor**
- **Scrap metal dealer**
- **Hazardous Waste:** Oils, Antifreeze, Fluids, Mercury, Asbestos
- **Air Quality**
- **Stormwater**
- **Asbestos**

[Click here for easy access to those laws and regulations](#)