

Vehicle Abatement

The Placer County Code Enforcement Division, with help from the Placer County Sheriff's Office, assists property owners in the removal of abandoned and inoperable vehicles on private property. This program serves the unincorporated areas of Placer County and on both private property and public right-of-ways within the city limits of Loomis and Colfax.



Section 10.24.010 of the Placer County Code allows for the abatement, removal and disposal, as public nuisances, of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or vehicle parts from private property.

How does the process work?

A private property owner, or agent of, may report an abandoned vehicle to the Code Enforcement Division during business hours. The reporting party will be asked to fill out a "Vehicle Abatement Request" form for each vehicle they are seeking for removal. (Blank form attached – may be copied)

Abandoned vehicles are then inspected, processed and towed within 30 days.

To start the process please contact:

Placer County Code Enforcement
Phone (530) 745-3050
Fax (530) 745-3059

What is the cost?

There is no cost to the property owner or vehicle owner. The county, as a service to the community, will take care of the removal of the vehicle and the paperwork for DMV. If the vehicle is not claimed by the registered owner, the vehicle will be junked and there will be no liability to the registered owner.

Who do I contact if the vehicle is not on my property?

If you are not the property owner or agent of, you can not request a vehicle be removed from another's property. If the vehicle is on a public street or highway, outside of the city limits of Colfax or Loomis, the California Highway Patrol is responsible for the abatement process. The California Highway Patrol can be reached during business hours at: 916-663-3344