

Abandoned, unregistered and unroadworthy vehicles

This fact sheet is for people who have an unregistered, unroadworthy motor vehicle or parts on Homes Tasmania sites including tenanted/untenanted properties or vacant land.

What Homes Tasmania will do about abandoned, unregistered, unroadworthy vehicles or parts

Homes Tasmania regularly receives complaints from tenants and members of the public concerned about vehicles abandoned on Homes Tasmania property. The complaints include concerns about:

- vehicles in various stages of disrepair being left for extended periods in car park spaces or vacant land
- vehicles being dumped in common areas of unit complexes
- storage of car parts and car bodies in front and back yards, causing the neighbourhood to look unsightly.

Homes Tasmania will make every reasonable effort to contact the owner of an abandoned vehicle or parts left on a Homes Tasmania property or vacant land and provide them with an opportunity to remove it.

Removal options include:

- referral to local auto salvage yards
- classified advertisements in local newspapers
- businesses that hire out trailers
- metal recycling firms.

As a last resort, and with written consent, Homes Tasmania may arrange removal of the vehicle at the tenant's expense.

What is vehicle or part?

Under section 3.6C of the Lease Agreement, a vehicle includes a car, truck, bus, boat, motorcycle and any other vehicle that may be licensed or registered. Vehicle includes vehicle parts.

Removal costs

Depending on the location of the motor vehicle, costs for the removal will be met by:

- the tenant (vehicle on public rental property)
- the former tenant (vehicle on abandoned/vacated public rental property)
- the registered motor vehicle owner (vehicle on Homes Tasmania car parks/vacant land)
- by Homes Tasmania if the vehicle owner cannot be identified (vehicle on Homes Tasmania car parks/vacant land).

It is more cost effective for tenants to remove vehicles privately without Homes Tasmania's involvement. However, tenants may elect for Homes Tasmania to remove the motor vehicle at the tenant's expense. The cost will be debited by the Tenancy Officer on the tenant's rental account with an arrangement to repay the debt in place (contact Homes Tasmania).

More information

Contact Homes Tasmania on 1300 665 663 or email tenancyservices@homes.tas.gov.au