

WAC 308-96A-098 Surrender and disposition of license plates.

(1) **What license plates are required to be surrendered?** Only license plates authorized under RCW 46.16.301, 46.16.280, 46.16.305, and 46.16.595 and dealer/manufacturer plates are required to be surrendered under chapter 308-66 WAC. Wreckers and scrap processors, hulk haulers must dispose of license plates according to WAC 308-63-070(7) and 308-63-120(4).

(2) **Where do I surrender my Washington vehicle license plates?** You may surrender your Washington vehicle license plates in the following manner:

(a) Take them to your local vehicle licensing office;

(b) Mail them to the department of licensing in Olympia, Washington.

(3) **What do Washington vehicle licensing offices do with surrendered license plates?**

(a) License plates surrendered to Washington vehicle licensing offices will be invalidated to make them unusable;

(b) Washington vehicle licensing offices will recycle or otherwise dispose of the invalidated plates that have been surrendered.

(4) **If I choose to dispose of the Washington vehicle license plates that are no longer valid, how is this done?** Other than license plates indicated in subsection (1) of this section, you may dispose of your invalid Washington vehicle license plates in the following ways:

(a) Remove or invalidate the month and year tabs and bend the plates so they are no longer usable;

(b) Shred the entire license plate; or

(c) After the month and year tab have been removed or invalidated, recycle the license plate in such a way that it cannot be confused with a valid Washington license plate.

(5) **How does the department dispose of my surrendered Washington vehicle license plate?** Once the department has received the Washington vehicle license plate, it must surrender it to the department of general administration for disposal under RCW 43.19.1919.

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