

Why Donate Your Vehicle?

Easy Process - Free Towing - Tax Benefits

What types of vehicles do you accept?

All vehicles are considered! CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services, our vehicle donation program provider) strives to accept all types of donated vehicles (running or not) including cars, trucks, trailers, boats, RVs, motorcycles, campers, off-road vehicles, planes, heavy equipment, farm machinery, and most other motorized vehicles. To find out if they can accept your vehicle, please complete the [secure online vehicle donation form](#), or call CARS during regular hours of operation at 855-500-RIDE (7433). Donating is easy, the pick-up is free, and your gift is tax-deductible. For more information, read the 'How it Works' or review the [FAQs](#)

Are there any costs?

There is no cost to the donor. Vehicle Donors do not pay for towing; it's free! The vehicles are picked up at no charge to you. All expenses are deducted from the gross sales price, and if the costs ever exceed the price, those costs are covered by CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services, our vehicle donation program provider.)

My car doesn't work, can it still be donated?

Yes! CARS can accept most vehicles, running or not. However, it must be in one piece and towable, have an engine, and be tow truck accessible. To find out if CARS can accept your vehicle, please complete the [secure online vehicle donation form](#), or call CARS at 855-500-RIDE (7433). Their Donor Support Team is available seven days a week during regular hours of operation.

What type of paperwork will I need to donate my car?

You will need a current and clear title. Any lien holder listed on the title must be cleared and/or released by the bank. This law varies by state.

How long is the entire process from the vehicle pick-up to when the nonprofit receives its funds?

The entire sale process can take approximately four to 12 weeks. The net cash proceeds from your generous vehicle donation are sent to the CARS nonprofit within five business days upon the receipt of the sale proceeds from the auction or direct buy vendors.

How do I get ready for the tow driver and what can I expect?

Please remove all personal belongings from the vehicle and have the title ready at the time of the pick-up (unless otherwise directed). The tow operator will pick up the title, keys and vehicle. *Please wait to mark the title; the tow vendor will assist you in signing the title.* In most cases, the tow operator will also provide a donation receipt. Should you not receive a receipt, please give the CARS Donor Support Team a call and we will get one out to you.

Are vehicle donations tax-deductible?

Yes; vehicle donations are tax-deductible. Individual tax situations vary. For specific tax- related questions, please consult your tax advisor or refer to [IRS Publication 4303](#). In most cases, donors will receive an initial donation receipt from the tow driver at the time of the vehicle pick-up. This initial acknowledgement will indicate the donor's name as well as the year, make, model and condition of the donated vehicle.

How is the value of my tax deduction determined?

Most vehicles are sold through local wholesale auctions, and CARS works to get the highest return per vehicle for you which equates to a donation for our nonprofit. According to the IRS Guidelines, donors may claim fair market value for their vehicle donation up to the actual sale value. If a vehicle is sold for more than \$500, the maximum amount of your deduction will be the sales price of the vehicle which will be listed on your IRS Form 1098-C.

A special rule may apply if the donated vehicle sells for \$500 or less. In this case, a deduction for the lesser of the vehicle's fair market value on the date of the contribution may be claimed, or \$500, provided you have written acknowledgment (i.e. the initial donation receipt or the thank-you letter you receive once the donation process is complete).

Can you donate vehicles in all 50 states?

Yes! CARS can provide convenient pick-up and towing for vehicle donations just about anywhere in all 50 states. They provide vehicle donation processing in the contiguous 48 states as well as the District of Columbia, without limitation. In Alaska, CARS services the Fairbanks and Anchorage areas with a 50-mile service radius. In Hawaii, they service the island of Oahu and the island of Hawaii. If you are donating outside of the state or if you have questions about donating, get started via the [secure online vehicle donation form](#) or call CARS seven days a week during regular hours of operation.