



FACT SHEET

Old Car Buy-Back Program

What is the Old Car Buyback Program?

An innovative program to purchase older, more polluting vehicles (**1985 or older**) and scrapping them, thereby getting them off the road. After a vehicle is purchased, the catalytic converter is destroyed and the engine block is punched to make it inoperable.

How many older vehicles will be purchased?

An estimated 4,000 vehicles will be purchased by the Air Pollution Control District.

Why target older vehicles?

Because older vehicles produce about half of all motor vehicle emissions; and vehicle tailpipe emissions are responsible for 60% of the pollutants that form smog in the San Diego region. Purchasing these vehicles will cut smog-forming emissions by more than 1 million pounds.

How much does the District pay for older vehicles?

Sellers are paid \$600 for vehicles built prior to 1975 and \$500 for 1975-1985 cars and trucks.

How is this program funded?

The Air Pollution Control Board (Board of Supervisors) established a Vehicle Registration Fund in 1990 dedicated to implementing innovative programs to reduce motor vehicle emissions in the San Diego region. Since the fund was established, more than \$15 million in funds have been allocated to nearly 30 local projects including the vehicle buyback program.

What are the qualifications?

The vehicles must have gasoline-powered engines, be currently registered to a San Diego County address for at least two years, be street legal and in driving condition. A valid smog certificate is required for 1974-85 vehicles.

Who conducts the buy-back?

Ecology Auto Wrecking is the contractor for the project and schedules buybacks at their Chula Vista location each month.

How do I apply?

Persons interested in selling their 1985 or older cars and trucks can call (619) 595-5285 to find out if their vehicle qualifies. Owners will be asked to send a copy of their title and current registration to Ecology Auto Wrecking as part of the application process.