

How to scrap your car: the free step-by-step guide

Everything you need to know to scrap or sell your car, in plain English. Keep this guide handy, tick off the checklist, and you will be ready on collection day.

30 seconds

to get your price online

Free

collection anywhere in the
UK

About 20 min

for a typical collection

Same day

payment by bank transfer

The 10 steps

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Decide whether to scrap or sell

If repairs cost more than the car is worth, scrapping usually makes sense. Newer or damaged cars are often worth more as salvage. We compare scrap yards, salvage buyers and dismantlers and show you the best price.

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Get your price online

Enter your reg and postcode, answer a few questions and add your contact details to see your exact price. It is guaranteed for 7 days, and we price match genuine higher quotes.

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Gather your documents

Photo ID, proof of address and the V5C logbook if you have it. Lost the V5C? Just tell us: you do not need to pay £25 for a replacement. The service history can add to your price.

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Keep your private plate, if you have one

Take it off the car with the DVLA before it is scrapped (£80). The DVLA sends you a new V5C showing the original registration. Wait for it before booking.

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Get the car ready

Remove belongings and rubbish. Leave the parts on, especially the catalytic converter. Tell us if there are no keys, no wheels, or the car will not start.

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Book your collection

Monday to Friday, usually 7am to 6pm. Same day in most areas if you book before midday. If you do not pick a date online, we aim to call you within 4 hours. Contactless collection is available.

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On the day

You are told who is coming and get a call about an hour before. Drivers are tracked all the way back to our site. Collection takes about 20 minutes, and the driver fills in the V5C with you.

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Get paid

Paid by bank transfer while the driver is with you, usually clearing within a few hours. We never pay cash. Your receipt is emailed, and you can donate any amount, or the whole value, to a charity of your choice.

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Receive your certificate of destruction

Your proof the car is scrapped, ending your responsibility for it. Usually the same day and always within 7 days, emailed and stored in your secure online account. The DVLA is told and road tax is refunded automatically.

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Cancel your insurance

Call your insurer once the car has gone. You may get a refund, and your no-claims bonus stays with you.

Collection day checklist

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| ☐ Photo ID (driving licence or passport) | ☐ Proof of address (recent utility bill) |
| ☐ V5C logbook, if you have it | ☐ All the keys you have |
| ☐ Service history and receipts | ☐ Belongings removed, glovebox and boot checked |
| ☐ Private plate taken off (if keeping it) | ☐ Bank details ready for payment |

Quick answers**No V5C?**

Tell us when you book. We can produce your certificate of destruction without a replacement logbook, saving you £25.

Car does not run?

No problem. Non-runners are collected free, keys or not.

Someone else handing over?

They show ID at collection, or you send us your ID beforehand. Payment is released once we have it.

Car still on finance?

Settle the finance first and get written confirmation, then we can buy it.

Vans and motorhomes?

Yes. Vans up to 3.5 tonnes, and we pay good prices for motorhomes and camper vans.

Why we can pay more

Our yards are dismantlers. Good parts from the cars we collect are graded and resold on PartPro, so we pay for the parts, not just the weight.