

TOWN OF VASSALBORO
2024 - 2025
PERMIT APPLICATION
AUTOMOBILE GRAVEYARD or JUNKYARD

FEE \$50 + \$10 Hearing Fee

DATE FEE PAID _____

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Map: Lot/s:

1. Physical location of the automobile graveyard, recycling center and/or junkyard:

2. Nearest Numbered Road or Highway:

3. The "Yard" was established in: by whom:

4. Type of application:

☐ Individual ☐ Company ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership

5. Are you licensed as a: Date License Expires:

Automobile recycler:

Automobile dealer:

Plan to apply for state dealer and recycler license for 2024-2025

Note: State Law (MRSA 3754 5 (D) requires demonstration at the time of your re-licensing a copy of your sale and or other license must be attached.

6. a.) Name of Business:

6. b.) Describe nature of business:

7. Give estimates of the number of vehicles currently being stored at your facility.

Total:

7. Are tires stored on your property: tires go with vehicles when they are crushed.

Total: Size of storage area in Square Feet:
 Also include on your site plan.

8. Do you have vehicles incapable of being driven under their own motor power that have been on your property more than 180 days that **have not** had the fluids such as motor oil, transmission fluid, gasoline, coolant, brake fluid, power steering fluid drained and batteries and mercury switches removed.

State Law (MRSA 3754-A, 5F) requires all vehicles in auto graveyards to meet this requirement by Jan 1 of 2007.

Describe your plan for the containment and storage of vehicular fluids, batteries, and mercury switches in vehicles incapable of being driven.

9. Have you received additional vehicles since last year?
Number of vehicles received since last year:

If yes, are you maintaining a log indicating the date each vehicle was acquired, a copy of the vehicles title or bill of sale, and the date which all fluids, refrigerants, batteries and mercury switches had been removed?

(Note: State Law requires you keep a log)

10. How are mercury switches being handled and disposed of?

11. How is property screened?

— Fence	Type:	Height: 6'
— Trees	Type:	Height:
— Embankment		
— Gully		

12. What is the distance of the "Yard" edge to the center of the nearest road?

13. Is the location of the storage and dismantling areas of vehicles or junk within 500 feet of:

- A public park
- A public playground
- A public beach
- A place of worship
- A cemetery
- Any other type of public property

14. Is Location of storage area of vehicles or junk within 500 ft of a public or private well that IS NOT on your property?
(If Yes, provide documentation that water supplies have not been contaminated.

The yard was established before the well was installed. State law allows this use to continue so long as there is evidence that the well has not been contaminated. DEP sampled this well and Charette well and confirmed that the wells were not contaminated.

15. Is the location of storage or dismantling areas of vehicles or junk within:

- a.) 20 feet of any property line?
- b.) 300 feet of any water body or wetland?

16. I/We _____ hereby make application for a permit to establish, operate or maintain an automobile graveyard, and or automobile recycling and or junkyard at the above described location and in accordance with the provisions of Title 30-A, section 3753-3758, Chapter 183, Public Law 1987

The undersigned certifies that the above information is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and that he/she has been duly authorized by the owner, individual, partnership, company, or corporation to make this application and to receive the permit under the law.

Signed _____

Dated: _____

For Business (Name):

Mailing Address:

This permit is valid for the period of one calendar year.

Property Sketch

Show all landmarks and distances as clearly as possible.

- a.) Identify boundary lines of the property,
- b.) Location and type of screening,
- c.) The location of sand and gravel aquifer recharge area, as mapped by the Maine Geological Survey, or a licensed geologist,
- d.) The location of any residences, public areas including but not limited to buildings, parks, playgrounds, bathing beaches, churches, cemeteries or schools within 500 feet of the area where vehicles will be stored or dismantled;
- e.) The location of any water bodies on the property or within 300 feet of the property lines,
- f.) The boundaries of the 100-year flood plain, if applicable;
- g.) The location of all roads within 1,000 feet of the site including the yard driveway,
- h.) The location of any wells within 500 feet of the site,
- i.) The location of property boundary lines where vehicular fluids are drained, and vehicles dismantled, and stored
- j.) Location of tire storage areas.

Application TYPE (may be more than one)

__ Automobile Graveyard (“a yard, field or other outdoor area used to store 3 or more unregistered or un-inspected motor vehicles... or parts of vehicles.”) Specific exceptions to the definition include vehicle repair businesses, automobile hobbyist, and areas used for vehicle and equipment storage by municipalities, farms, auto and equipment dealers, insurance salvage pools, and commercial businesses maintaining operational equipment. 30-A MRSA Chapter 183 ss3751-3760

__ Automobile recycling business is defined to mean the “business premises of a dealer or recycler licensed under [29-A MRSA ss 851-1112] Who purchases or acquires salvage “vehicles” for resale of the vehicle or its component parts. The definition does not include financial institutions, insurance companies, new vehicle dealers, or an insurance salvage pool. 30-A MRSA § 3754 A

__ Junkyard means a “yard”, field, or other outside area used to store, dismantle, or otherwise handle” debris, waste, scrap and materials and equipment of various types and classifications. The term does not include garbage dumps, waste dumps, and sanitary fills. 30-A MRSA § 3754 A.

Notes: Operation of a junkyard, automobile graveyard or auto recycling business without a valid local permit is a land use violation enforceable under 30-A MRSA ss 3751-3760 and also may be enjoined as either a nuisance under 17 MRSA Chapter 91,s 2701-2859 or as a littering under Maine Litter Control act, 17 MRSA S 2261,et.seq. Any adjudged violations are subject to the penalty provisions of the enforcement statues (30-A MRSA s 3758-A. Each day that the violation exists constitutes a separate offense. The statutory minimum penalties cannot be waived or reduced by the municipality or the court.

Violation of any condition, restriction or limitation on a permit issued by the municipal officers is cause for revocation or suspension of the permit by the issuing authority. Before any permit can be revoked or suspended, a hearing (with appropriate notice) is required for the benefit of the owner or operator of the junkyard, automobile graveyard or automobile recycling business.