



Reports to Police: Please call 9-1-1 for all reports to the Police Department. All dispatches must be through the 9-1-1 system.

Abandon and Junk vehicles

Abandon and Junk vehicles are an eyesore and they threaten the character and safety of Shaler Township neighborhoods.

Residents can report these vehicles to the Shaler Township Police Department at 9-1-1 or the online anonymous tip form. Every effort will be made to contact the vehicle and property owners to correct the situation.

What is an abandoned or junk motor vehicle or motorcycle?

Presumption of abandonment-

A motor vehicle shall be presumed to be abandoned under any of the following circumstances, but the presumption is rebuttable by a preponderance of the evidence:

The vehicle is physically inoperable and is left unattended on a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours.

1. The vehicle has remained illegally on a highway or other public property for a period of more than 48 hours.
2. The vehicle is left unattended on or along a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours and does not bear all of the following:
 - A valid registration plate.
 - A certificate of inspection.
 - An ascertainable vehicle identification number.
3. The vehicle has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 48 hours.

When is a motor vehicle considered to be inoperable?

A motor vehicle that does not have a current registration plate and a current inspection sticker; or

A motor vehicle that does not have the required number of wheels or tires, does not have one or more of its doors or windows, does not have an engine or does not have a battery, or lacks any part which is necessary to self-propel it.

Nuisance Motor Vehicle

Any condition of a motor vehicle which shall constitute a threat or potential threat to the health, safety or welfare to the residents of Shaler Township.

These vehicles can be towed immediately if they are parked on a public street and the responding officer deems it necessary for public safety.

Notice to remove

Shaler Township Police Officers are hereby authorized and directed to give notice, by personal service, United States Mail, or by posting of such notice, to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any premises or location where violations of this chapter exist, directing and requiring such owner or occupant to remove or eliminate such violation within 10 days after the issuance of the notice

Covering or draping of tarps over the vehicle or moving the vehicle(s) to another location in Shaler Township does not constitute compliance.

Failure to comply could result in multiple citations in excess of \$1,000 being issued.