

# Vehicle Donations - Frequently Asked Questions

## General Questions

### **What are the benefits of donating my vehicle to Green Works in Kansas City?**

Green Works benefits by receiving a cash donation equal to 80% of the value of your vehicle. You benefit by being able to reduce your taxable income when taxes are itemized. Plus, you avoid the costs associated with selling your vehicle. No need to pay for advertising, no loss of privacy and possible security risk, and no need to pay for vehicle registration, insurance, and repairs to keep your vehicle in running condition while you wait for a buyer.

### **Does my vehicle have to be running to donate it?**

In some cases we can take your vehicle, running or not. However, it must have an engine and be towable. Contact a representative at 1.866.628.2277 to find out if your vehicle qualifies for pick-up.

### **Do you only accept cars for donation?**

Many types of motor vehicles are accepted including boats, motorcycles, trucks, and cars. If you are uncertain as to whether or not your vehicle is eligible, please contact the vehicle donation program toll free at 1.866.628.2277.

### **Will you pick up my vehicle?**

A towing company will call you to schedule the pick-up of your vehicle. You will need to give the driver the keys to the vehicle as well as your signed title.

### **How long will it take to pick up my vehicle?**

We make donating your vehicle as simple and convenient as possible. A tow company will contact you within two to three business days. Call our representatives at 1.866.628.2277.

### **Do I have to be with the vehicle at the time of pick-up?**

No. Special arrangements can be made by calling our representative.

### **What do I need to donate my vehicle?**

The only paperwork needed is a signed, clear title. Have your title with you when you call-in your donation. (A clear title indicates the title is in the name of the donor without a lien.) We will also need some information about where the vehicle is located and the condition of the vehicle. This will assist us in scheduling appropriate towing arrangements.

### **Do I need a smog certificate or safety inspection in order to donate my vehicle?**

For states that require smog certificates or safety inspections, you may donate your vehicle without these documents.

## Tax Questions

### **Is my donation tax-deductible?**

Yes, Green Works is a non-profit organization and all donations qualify as a charitable deduction on your federal income tax return.

**How is the value of my vehicle determined?**

The IRS allows you to take a charitable tax deduction on your federal income tax form equal to the amount the vehicle sells for at auction unless it sells for less than \$500. If your vehicle sells for less than \$500 you may deduct no more than \$500. If your vehicle sells for more than \$500, you will need to include IRS form 1098C with your tax return. Vehicles for Charity will supply this documentation after your vehicle sells. We recommend you consult your tax advisor with questions about your deduction.

**Will I receive a receipt when my vehicle is towed?**

Yes, our driver will issue a tow receipt at the time of pick-up. This is not your final tax receipt unless the sale of your vehicle does not exceed \$500. This initial acknowledgement will indicate your name as well as the year, make, model and condition of the vehicle you are donating. It will be your only receipt if your vehicle sells for less than \$500.

**What can I claim as a deduction?**

According to the tax law effective January 1, 2005, if the claimed value of the donated vehicle exceeds \$500, the taxpayer is limited to the gross proceeds of the sale. An IRS Form 1098-C, "Contributions of Motor Vehicles, Boats, and Airplanes" will be mailed to you within 30 days of the sale stating the amount of gross proceeds received from your vehicle, provided your vehicle sold for more than \$500 and you have submitted your social security number. This will be your tax receipt for your charitable contribution.

**How is the value determined on the vehicle donated?**

The value is determined by the gross proceeds raised from the sale of the donated vehicle. You no longer have the burden of determining the value yourself.

**More Questions?**

Green Works has partnered with Vehicles for Charity to process donated vehicles. Just call 1.866.628.2277 with any additional questions. You can make arrangements on the phone to pick up your vehicle, or complete the online form at <http://www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/GWKC.html>