



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

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## **WASTE HANDLING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

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Appendix Chapter 1, section 105.6.45 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states that permits required by the Fire Code shall be obtained from the fire code official. An operational permit is required for the operation of wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material-handling facilities.

Automobile wrecking yards shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 48. For rubbish handling operations, see Chapters 3 and 13 of the 2008 Los Angeles County Fire Code Title 32.

**MOTOR VEHICLE FLUIDS** are liquids which are flammable, combustible or hazardous materials, such as crankcase fluids, fuel, brake fluids, transmission fluids, radiator fluids and gear oil. This definition does not include liquids which are permanently sealed, such as hydraulic fluid within shock absorbers.

**FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS** shall be constructed and maintained throughout the site in accordance with Section 503 of the 2008 Fire Code. Aisles or passageways shall be provided so as to allow fire department hose streams to reach all stored items and material.

**WELDING AND CUTTING** Welding and cutting operations shall be in accordance with Chapters 26 and 30 of this code.

**HOUSEKEEPING** Combustible rubbish accumulated on the site shall be collected and stored in approved containers, rooms or vaults of noncombustible materials. Combustible vegetation, cut or uncut, shall be removed when determined by the fire code official to be a fire hazard.

**FIRE PROTECTION** Offices, storage buildings and vehicles used for site operations shall each be provided with at least one portable fire extinguisher with a rating of not less than 4-A: 40-B: C. When required by the fire code official, additional portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in specific use areas in accordance with Section 906 and NFPA 10.

**TIRES** shall be stored on racks in an approved manner or shall be piled in accordance with Chapter 25.

**BURNING OPERATIONS** The burning of salvage vehicles and salvage or waste materials shall be in accordance with Section 307 and federal, state or local air quality control regulations.

### **MOTOR VEHICLE FLUIDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AT WRECKING YARDS**

The storage, use and handling of motor vehicle fluids and hazardous materials, such as those used to operate air bags and electrical systems, shall be in accordance with Section 4610 and Chapters 22, 27 and 34 of the 2008 Los Angeles County Fire Code Title 32.

**Motor vehicle fluids.** Motor vehicle fluids shall be drained from salvage vehicles when such fluids are leaking. Storage and handling of motor vehicle fluids shall be done in an approved manner. Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored and handled in accordance with Chapters 22, 27 and 34.

**Mitigation for vehicle fluid leaks.** Supplies or equipment capable of mitigating leaks from fuel tanks, crankcases, brake systems and transmissions shall be kept available on site. Single-use plugging, diking and absorbent materials shall be disposed of as hazardous waste and removed from the site in a manner approved by federal, state or local requirements.

**Air bag systems.** Removed air bag systems shall be handled and stored in accordance with Chapter 27.

**Lead-acid batteries.** Lead-acid batteries shall be removed from salvage vehicles when such batteries are leaking. Lead-acid batteries that have been removed from vehicles shall be stored in an approved manner.

Additional  
Requirements \_\_\_\_\_.  
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