



Abandoned Vehicles

If you notice an abandoned vehicle on a Council road in your neighbourhood, you can report it directly to Council by calling 8983 0600 during business hours.

Council is authorised to removed or require the owners to remove, vehicles abandoned within the municipality in accordance with Part 5 of the NT Traffic Regulations, which can be viewed at <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/Legislation/TRAFFIC-REGULATIONS>

Any vehicle found parked in a dangerous manner should be reported to the NT Police who can arrange to have it removed immediately.

What is an abandoned vehicle?

An abandoned vehicle is a vehicle that is:

- Registered and left for more than 24 hours at a place where it is not allowed to be stopped or parked;
- Registered and left for more than 24 hours in a parking area where there is limited parking time;
- Registered and left for more than 7 days in a parking area where the time a vehicle may remain parked is not limited; or
- Not registered and is left on a road.

What happens when an abandoned vehicle is reported?

Council officers will place a notice on a vehicle within 48 hours of an abandoned vehicle report being received. Unregistered vehicles are required to be moved from the roadside within 24 hours and registered vehicles are required to be moved within seven days, unless parked in a prohibited area in which case the vehicle must be removed within 24 hours.

If an abandoned vehicle is not removed by the owner in the required time, it will be removed by Council.

What does Council do with the abandoned vehicles?

Where the vehicle is immobile and can't be repaired at a cost that does not exceed its value, or has a value of less than \$1000, the vehicle will be immediately disposed of by Council.

Otherwise, the vehicle will be towed to the Council impound yard.

Council will make attempts to locate the last known or registered owner of an impounded vehicle. If this is not successful, Council will place a notice of impounding in the NT News for two consecutive weeks.

Abandoned vehicles are held by Council for a minimum of 28 days, after which, vehicles in roadworthy condition, will be auctioned.

Are there fees associated with abandoned vehicles?

An abandoned vehicle release fee is payable to Council, prior to releasing an impounded vehicle after proof of ownership is sighted and approved.

All associated towing and advertising costs are payable by the owner of the vehicle.