



The BC SCRAP-IT® Program

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Since its inception in 1996, the BC SCRAP-IT Program has successfully removed thousands of super polluting vehicles from the roads of British Columbia. Recent studies have shown that an older vehicle will emit up to 86 times more smog-forming pollutants than a new vehicle. BC SCRAP-IT is now working to remove 2000 model year and older vehicles from BC's roads.

BC SCRAP-IT has been diligently working for the past 19 years to bring awareness to the public, informing them of important facts such as vehicle emissions being among the largest contributors to smog and carbon emissions in the province. Drivers can reduce their carbon thumbprint in several ways, including retiring their older vehicles in a responsible manner. The program allows the approved vehicle to be recycled in an environmentally friendly manner, removing all harmful pollutants such as mercury switches, fluids, and tires. Not only will drivers be helping the environment by scrapping their older vehicles, new vehicles are generally more fuel-efficient.

The BC SCRAP-IT Program History:

- 1996 – BC SCRAP-IT Program formally launched
- 2004 – BC SCRAP-IT Program Society, registered not-for-profit independent society, established
- 2008, April – SCRAP-IT received BC Government grant of \$15 million to expand
- 2009, January – SCRAP-IT assumed responsibility as BC delivery partner for national Retire Your Ride program
- 2011, February – SCRAP-IT received \$1.25 million grant to continue offering incentives

BC SCRAP-IT is committed to providing accurate information to their consumers. The program is often asked the question, "How much cleaner is my new vehicle compared to the old one being scrapped?" In June of 2010, BC SCRAP-IT teamed up with the AirCare® Research Centre to conduct extensive emission testing on the three vehicles to be crushed at the 15th Anniversary and 25,000th Vehicle Scrapped event.

The three vehicles were put through an emissions performance test and compared to the emissions standard of a new vehicle. Three key pollutants, namely, carbon monoxides (CO), hydrocarbons (HC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) were measured. These latter two pollutants are major contributors to photochemical smog. The results of the AirCare® Research Centre Testing showed that the older vehicles tested emit up to 86 times more smog forming pollutants than a new vehicle.

BC SCRAP-IT provides incentives to encourage vehicle owners to replace high polluting 2000 and older vehicles with cleaner forms of transportation. Program participants may choose from vehicle incentives towards the purchase of a 2008 or newer model vehicle, transit passes, bicycle incentives, car share and ride share services or cash.

Since the program expansion June 2008 BC SCRAP-IT has received over 120,000 phone calls, 2,500 face-to-face visits, and over 16 million website hits. The increase in awareness has led to a large increase in applications, approvals, and the desired end result of cleaner choices in transportation.

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