



COOL DAVIS CAR DONATION FAQs *(Feb 2020)*

Support Cool Davis Transportation Campaigns

Cool Davis is partnered with the CARS vehicle donation program which will pick up your old or unused car and donate the net proceeds to Cool Davis. We see this as a great way to double the benefits of transitioning away from an internal combustion engine vehicle and getting yourself into a clean electric vehicle. We use the funds to support our electric vehicle education and active transportation programs.

Ready to donate your car now? Visit the CARS donation page

<https://careasy.org/nonprofit/Cool-Davis-Foundation>

What are the benefits of donating my vehicle to Cool Davis?

- ⊕ You get to support electric vehicle education and active transportation programs
- ⊕ You may reduce your taxable income when taxes are itemized
- ⊕ You avoid costs and effort associated with selling your used car
- ⊕ In some circumstances, vehicle registration isn't required

What types of vehicles are accepted?

CARS accepts most cars, trucks, trailers, boats, RV's, motorcycles, off road vehicles, heavy equipment and other motorized vehicles.

Does my car have to be running to donate it?

CARS can take your vehicle running or not. However, it must be in one piece, have an engine, and be towable. Contact a CARS representative at 855-500-RIDE (7433) to find out if your vehicle qualifies for pick-up.

Do I need a smog certificate to donate my car?

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

Do I need the title to donate my vehicle?

Yes, you will need the title to the vehicle. If you do not have it, it is possible that other arrangements can be made. You can call CARS toll-free at 855-500-7433 seven days a week for more information.

How it works

1. **CARS Calls to Schedule Vehicle Pick Up.** You provide donor information online, then CARS contacts you within 2 to 3 business days to set up a pick-up appointment. The vehicle will be picked up by a licensed tow company at no cost to you and will be taken to a CARS sale location.
2. **The Donated Vehicle Is Sold.** CARS evaluates vehicles at sales locations and uses auction houses to sell most vehicles. Sometimes mechanical repairs are made.
3. **CARS Provides All Necessary Tax Deduction Receipts and Forms.** Within 30 days of sale, you will receive a thank you letter which serves as a tax receipt. If your donated vehicle sells for more than \$500, CARS will also mail you an additional receipt known as "IRS Form 1098-C, Contributions of Motor Vehicles, Boats, and Airplanes" if your tax identification number was provided.
4. **Cool Davis Sends You a Thank You Note.** We are super appreciative! Your thank you note will also include donation information for your tax records, in particular, the donated amount.

Some important caveats

- ⊕ The tow truck driver may not have a receipt for you and generally will not be able to answer questions about the process.
- ⊕ The proceeds from an auction will generally be less than private sales or even dealer buyback amounts.
- ⊕ Selling your car to a private party then donating the proceeds to Cool Davis will likely result in a larger donation. Visit our Donate page or send a check in the mail to Cool Davis Foundation P.O. Box 4013 Davis CA 95617
- ⊕ As with any vehicle transfer, you must file a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability form with the CA DMV after your donation, so you are not mistakenly held responsible for registration or any other future costs associated with the vehicle.