

“Vessel Turn-In Program”

Opportunity to Voluntarily Remove Inoperable, Derelict Vessels

The City of Galveston has partnered with the **Texas General Land Office (GLO)** and **Texas Parks & Wildlife (TP&W)** to offer residents the opportunity to remove inoperable and derelict vessels through the “Vessel Turn-In Program.” Designed to provide owners with a voluntary method of disposal, the Texas GLO will sponsor the removal of all fuel, oil, and batteries while the City will provide the **removal of lead keels, aluminum, and all other recyclable materials.**

The first phase will involve residents **east of 103rd Street**. You are encouraged to participate if you own a vessel **under 26’ feet long** in need of disposal or simply know of one in your neighborhood. Once the initial phase is completed, the City will implement a secondary phase providing the same opportunity to the rest of the Island.

So, how does it work? **Call** the GLO’s “Vessel Turn-In Program” hotline at **(409) 797-3560** to be added to the application list. A representative will contact applicants to verify the vessel qualifies and will then follow with a site visit to verify ownership and document the condition of the vessel. Once this process is complete, owners will be notified of when and where to bring the vessel for proper removal.

Interested in participating in the program? **Please contact (409) 797-3560** to leave your contact information and a representative will contact you with further information. **Don’t delay – this hotline is open only for Galveston residents through August 1st.**

Need to report an abandoned or inoperable vessel? Please contact the City of Galveston’s Code Enforcement Division at (409) 797-3660.

