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Orange County residents now have a unique opportunity to dispose of inoperable or derelict vessels at no cost through a new partnership with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The initiative, called the "Vessels Turn-In Program," offers a voluntary, free method for boat owners to properly dispose of their unwanted vessels. April 5, 8, 10, 12, 2025 from 10 am to 6 pm at the Orange County Collections Station, 11265 FM 1442, Orange Texas 77632.

This program is designed to help rid local waters of derelict and abandoned boats, promoting a cleaner and safer environment. Under the program, GLO and TPWD will verify ownership and qualification for disposal. Eligible boat owners must complete a Release of Interest and Ownership form on-site, and their vessel title must be free of any outstanding loan balances, liens, or taxes.

“The Vessels Turn-In Program is an important step toward cleaning up our waterways and providing a safe, responsible way for boat owners to dispose of boats that are no longer seaworthy,” said John Gothia, County Judge for Orange County. “We are proud to partner with the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to offer this valuable service to our residents.”

Vessel owners who participate in the program can drop off their boats at the designated disposal site, with Orange County assisting with landfill disposal. Additionally, the General Land Office will ensure the safe removal of hazardous materials such as oil, fuel, and batteries from the vessels. Boats must be free of trash and debris before being dropped off.

The program will accept vessels up to 26 feet in length. In some cases, longer boats may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Residents with vessels larger than 26 feet are encouraged to contact the program for more information and eligibility details.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Orange County residents to responsibly dispose of unwanted vessels and help maintain the health of local waterways. For more information, eligibility requirements, or to schedule a drop-off, please contact the GLO between the hours of 8-5 Monday through Friday at (409) 332-9325 or (409) 727-7481.



Orange County Vessel Turn-in Program

An Opportunity to Voluntarily Remove Inoperable Vessels

Orange County is partnering with the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. to offer Orange County residents the opportunity to dispose of inoperable and derelict vessels through the “Vessel Turn-In Program.”

Designed to provide owners with a voluntary, free method of boat disposal, the General Land Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. will verify ownership and qualification for disposal. Verification of ownership and a Release of Interest and Ownership form must be completed on-site. The title must be free of any loan balances, liens or taxes. Orange County will assist with landfill disposal and the General Land Office will remove oil, fuel and batteries on board the vessel. **The boat must be clear of trash and debris.**

Orange County residents are welcome to relinquish vessels up to 26 feet long. Longer boats may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Please call for more information if you have a longer vessel. **Boats must be brought to the drop-off location.**

Dates & Times:

April 5, 8, 10, 12, 2025

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Dropoff Location:

Orange County Collection Station

11265 FM 1442

Orange, TX 77632

Sponsors:

Orange County

Texas General Land Office

Texas Parks and Wildlife



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