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## **Press Release**

### **April 28, 2026**

Orange County is partnering with the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to provide residents with a free and convenient way to dispose of inoperable and derelict vessels through the “Vessel Turn-In Program.”

The program will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on May 2, 5, 7, and 9** at the **Orange County Collection Station, 11265 FM 1442, Orange, Texas 77632.**

This initiative is designed to give boat owners a voluntary, no-cost option to properly dispose of unwanted vessels while helping protect local waterways and the environment. Representatives from the Texas General Land Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be on-site to verify ownership and determine eligibility for disposal.

Participants must complete a **Release of Interest and Ownership form** at the site. Vessel titles must be clear of any outstanding loan balances, liens, or taxes. In addition, boats must be emptied of all trash and debris prior to drop-off.

Orange County will assist with landfill disposal, while the Texas General Land Office will handle the removal of oil, fuel, and batteries from accepted vessels.

The program is open to Orange County residents with vessels up to **26 feet in length**. Larger vessels may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Residents with boats exceeding this length are encouraged to call ahead for additional information.

All vessels must be transported by the owner to the designated drop-off location.

For more information, please contact the Texas General Land Office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 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.**

**MAY 2 MAY 5 MAY 7 MAY 9**

**10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

## Drop-off Location:

Orange County Collection Station  
11265 FM 1442  
Orange, TX 77632

## Sponsored By:



**ALL VESSELS MUST HAVE WASTE AND DEBRIS REMOVED PRIOR TO DROP OFF**

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