START A BUSINESS - ARKANSAS

How to start a salvage yard in Arkansas

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1 Is a salvage yard right for you?

Salvage yards buy wrecked and end of life vehicles, sell usable parts and recycle the rest. It suits people who like hands-on work and careful records.

2 Form the business and register for sales tax

1. Choose a structure. Register your business with the Arkansas Secretary of State.
2. Get a retail permit from the Department of Finance and Administration. Arkansas taxes repair, cleaning and towing of vehicles.
3. Check your city or county for local licenses and zoning.

3 Licenses

We found no Arkansas State license for salvage yards. Check your city or county for licenses and zoning.

4 Sales tax

Used parts you sell are taxable.

5 Your first steps

1. Form the business and register with the Department of Finance and Administration.
2. Check local licenses and zoning.
3. Buy insurance and equipment.
4. List your business on Nearby Car Care

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on parts you sell

Required - State - Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

Used parts and other goods are taxable.

Salvage yard rules: ask the state and your county

Required in some cases - Municipal - Your county; Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

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Forklift operator training (OSHA)

Required in some cases - Federal - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

If employees use forklifts, the employer must train and evaluate each operator before they operate one (29 CFR 1910.178(l)).

Official agencies and links

29 CFR 1910.178, Powered industrial trucks (operator training, paragraph (l))
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.178

26 CAR 30-502, Services subject to tax: taxable services
Code of Arkansas Rules (Department of Finance and Administration)
https://codeofarrules.arkansas.gov/Rules/Rule?levelType=section&titleID=26&chapterID=33&subChapterID=241&partID=971&subPartID=9363&sectionID=629

Frequently asked questions

Does Arkansas license salvage yards?

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This guide is general information, not legal advice. Rules change and can depend on your city or county, so confirm with the official agencies linked below before you apply.

https://nearbycarcare.com/resources/business/start-salvage-yard/arkansas/