LICENSES, PERMITS & CERTIFICATIONS - COLORADO

Colorado salvage yard licenses and permits

What Colorado requires of these businesses: registration, tax, licenses and the official links to check.

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1 The rules at a glance

- Colorado sales tax license (state, local, special districts)
- Ask about salvage titles and county zoning
- Dealer license to sell vehicles
- Sales tax on parts
- Forklift operator training

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on parts you sell

Required - State - Colorado Department of Revenue

Used parts and other goods are taxable.

Salvage yard rules: ask the state and your county

Required in some cases - Municipal - Your city or county; Colorado Department of Revenue

We found no separate Colorado State salvage yard license in the sources we checked. Selling vehicles at retail needs a dealer license. Ask the Department of Revenue about salvage titles and your city or county about zoning and junkyard rules.

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

Sales and Use Tax Topics: Auto Repairs

Colorado Department of Revenue, Taxation

https://tax.colorado.gov/sales-use-tax-topics-auto-repairs

Frequently asked questions

Does Colorado license salvage yards?

We found no separate state salvage yard license; retail vehicle sales need a dealer license. Ask the Department of Revenue and your county.

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.