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Vermont salvage yard licenses and permits

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

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1 The rules at a glance

- Vermont Business Tax Account
- Certificate of approved location
- Agency of Natural Resources certificate of registration
- Scrap metal record rules (9 V.S.A. chapter 82)
- Forklift operator training

Requirements at a glance

Sales tax on parts you sell

Required - State - Vermont Department of Taxes

Used parts and other goods are taxable at 6%.

Certificate of approved location and ANR certificate of registration

Required - State - Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

No one may operate, establish or maintain a salvage yard without a certificate of approval for its location and a certificate of registration from the Secretary of Natural Resources. Before registering you, the Secretary obtains your written acknowledgment of the scrap metal buying, selling and record keeping rules (9 V.S.A. chapter 82). Other environmental permits still apply.

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
Vermont Department of Taxes
https://tax.vermont.gov/business/sales-and-use-tax

24 V.S.A. section 2242, Salvage yards: requirement for operation or maintenance
Vermont General Assembly
https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/24/061/02242

Frequently asked questions

Do I need a permit for a junkyard in Vermont?
Yes: a certificate of approved location and an Agency of Natural Resources certificate of registration.

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/licenses/salvage-yard-licenses-permits/vermont/