Motor Vehicle Adjustment & Your Tax Bill

Q: How do I get my motor vehicle tax bill adjusted?

A: The Town of Granby requires one document to remove a vehicle from the tax bill. The document must be dated and reflect the Vehicle’s Identification Number (VIN).

Acceptable Documentation:
- PLATE RECEIPT from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) indicating that the registration has been CANCELLED, LOST, or STOLEN.
- Bill of Sale
- New Owner Registration with issue date
- Title showing transfer
- Verification from Insurance Company stating vehicle was sold
- Verification from Insurance Company stating vehicle was stolen and not recovered
- Verification from Insurance Company stating vehicle was a total loss
- Salvage receipt from junk yard
- Out of state registration
- Proof of residency in another town prior to October 1st
- Notice of Correction from the DMV
- Letter from finance company stating vehicle was repossessed
- A letter from the charitable organization where you donated the vehicle

When the Registration/Plates are transferred to a replacement vehicle, the adjustment follows the Registration. Over payment on the July tax is applied to the replacement vehicle tax in January.

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PROOF IS NEEDED OR THE VEHICLE WILL REMAIN ON THE GRAND LIST UNTIL SUCH PROOF IS SUPPLIED
Dear Taxpayer:

The liability period for an assessment on the 2021 Grand List is October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Connecticut State Statute Section 12-71b allows for the pro-rataion of motor vehicles assessments to adjust taxes under the following conditions:

- The vehicle was sold, stolen, junked, donated or totally destroyed.
- You have ceased to be a Connecticut resident and the vehicle is registered out of state.

In order for any adjustment to be made, documentation must be received by this office. The following is a list of documents acceptable to provide an adjustment to or deletion of a tax liability:

- A copy of your vehicle registration which clearly shows the date when the vehicle was first registered outside of Connecticut, plus the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number).
- A dated receipt from a junkyard or salvage company that includes the VIN.
- A letter of settlement from your insurance company that states the date of the settlement and the VIN.
- A dated, signed copy of a bill of sale or cancellation of insurance that includes the VIN.
- A copy of the dated police report if the vehicle was stolen with the VIN.
- A registration plate receipt from the Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department with the VIN and showing that the vehicle was sold, traded, junked, totaled or donated, or registered out of state (expired and/or suspended registrations do NOT qualify).

Until such time as we receive satisfactory proof, you will remain liable for the tax, applicable late fees and any interest charges that may accrue.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at 860-844-5311.

NOTE: All information provided must have both the DATE and the VEHICLE ID NUMBER on the documentation. Please remember that the motor vehicle taxes are based on the OWNERSHIP of a vehicle, not the registration.
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND BILLING CYCLES

*Each cycle of the grand list begins on 10/01 (October 1st). It is similar to taking a photograph of what you own on 10/01 each year.

*The regular motor vehicle tax bills are due in July, and cover registration dates of 10/01 until 9/30.

*If a vehicle is disposed of during the grand list year, the bill will be adjusted/prorated as of the month that the vehicle was sold, junked, donated, totaled, or registered out of state. Expired or suspended registrations do not qualify as proper documentation. Information must include the vehicle identification number/VIN and be dated.

*The supplemental motor vehicle list covers vehicles that were registered between 10/02 (October 2nd) and 07/31 (July 31st). The supplemental motor vehicle billable amounts are due in January.

*Motor vehicles registered on 08/01 (August 1st) through 09/30 (September 30th) will appear on the next grand list (therefore, if a motor vehicle is registered on 08/15/2021, it will appear on the 2021 grand list and not the 2020 supplemental grand list).