



TAX & TAG TIPS

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Savvy Taxpayer Tip: Protect Yourself from Liability When You Sell or Otherwise Dispose of a Vehicle

Many vehicles are being bought and sold in Gwinnett County on a daily basis. Last year alone, my office processed 108,959 title transactions, an increase of 14 percent from the prior year.

Most of the time, these vehicles transfer from one owner to another without any problem.

But occasionally, that is not the case. Liability issues might come into play if the vehicle is involved in an accident or a crime prior to the new owner titling and registering the vehicle.

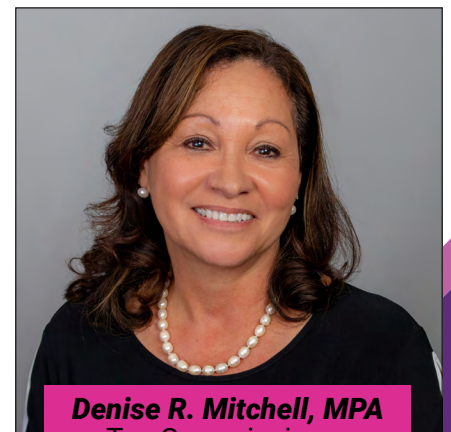
Sellers can protect themselves by completing each step on this checklist when they sell or otherwise dispose of a vehicle:

1. Properly sign the back of the title as the seller and take a photo of the front and back for your records;
2. Complete a Bill of Sale. The Department of Revenue (DOR) provides a Bill of Sale, Form T-7, which is available online at dor.georgia.gov/t-7-bill-sale;
3. Remove the license plate (you may keep it or deposit it in a tag office drop box);
4. Cancel the vehicle registration with the DOR at eservices.drives.ga.gov;
5. Important: Call your insurance company to cancel the insurance coverage (be certain to complete Step 4 before Step 5 to avoid the DOR assessing an insurance lapse fee).

Of course, many people do not follow these steps and never run into a problem. Ultimately, it just makes good sense to be a savvy taxpayer and take all of the proper steps to protect yourself.

Please know that my staff and I are here to help with all of your motor vehicle and property tax needs. Our contact information is on the reverse.

Best regards,



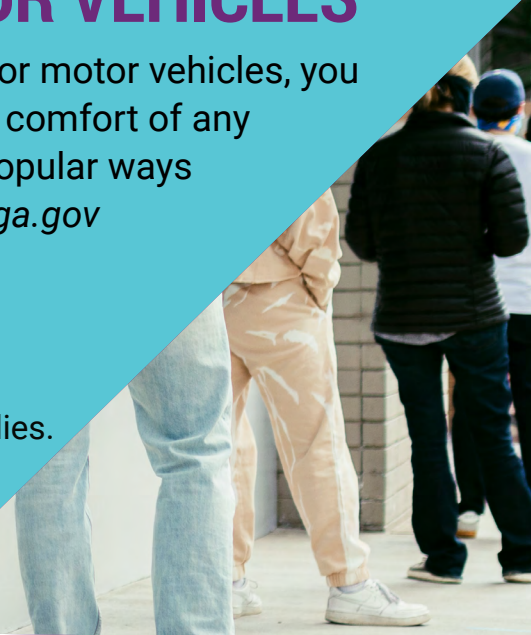
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SAVE GAS! DO MORE THAN EVER ONLINE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

With all of the e-services available online for motor vehicles, you can do everything except title work from the comfort of any Internet-connected device. Here are the most popular ways people are helping themselves at eservices.drives.ga.gov

1. **Duplicate Registration** – receive by email, print.
2. **Cancel Registration** – find your vehicle, submit, done.
3. **Renew Tags** – receive decal within 5-10 days; convenience fee applies.
4. **Pay Insurance Fines** – identify your vehicle and yourself, pay.
5. **Prestige License Plate Inquiry** – discover what's available.



GET YOUR DECAL INSTANTLY AT A KIOSK

Kiosks are proving to be very popular and for good reason. First, you can renew your tag while you're grocery shopping, since many Kroger stores have kiosks. All you need to get started is your driver's license, and you can renew up to 60 days before your birthday. Convenience fees apply and you may renew up to 10 vehicles under one convenience fee. For locations, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/kiosks.



We're Here to Help!

Customer Service Agents available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.

Property Tax: tax@gwinnettcountry.com • 770-822-8800
Motor Vehicles: tag@gwinnettcountry.com • 770-822-8818
Chat with us at GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.



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8:30 - 5:30	8:30 - 6:00	Closed