Have a boat at the end of its useful life?
When your dreamboat becomes a nightmare, a vessel beyond repair, please don’t just abandon it.

The right and legal way to get rid of an old boat is to haul it to a boat disposal site. Find the one nearest you on the map (see reverse) and get in touch to make arrangements.

You may get paid for recyclable parts of your boat, and you’ll save the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) the expense of having to remove an abandoned vessel from the water, which can be 10 times greater than the cost of hauling a boat to a salvage center.

If you can’t afford the cost of getting your boat to a disposal site, you might be eligible for the DNR’s priority-based Vessel Turn-in Program (VTIP). VTIP helps approved owners dispose of their vessels safely and legally, and may even cover the costs.

For more information, including eligibility criteria:
- Visit https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/aquatics/derelict-vessels/vessel-turn-program
- Email dvrp@dnr.wa.gov
- Call 360-902-BOAT (2628)

Boats left behind in the water leak oil and other toxics, polluting marine habitat and contaminating wildlife.

Toxics from derelict vessels and other sources build up in organisms that absorb or ingest them. These toxics increase in concentration in the tissues of organisms as they move up the food chain and contribute to the decline of species at the top like salmon and orcas, highly endangered marine mammals that feed primarily on salmon.
Boat disposal sites in western Washington

Locations marked with an asterisk (*) are VTIP-only sites—NO public disposal

1 Orcas Island: Deer Harbor Boat Works, (360) 376-4056
10 Lacey: Thurston County Landfill, (360) 867-2491, https://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/garbage/garbage-warc.html


DISCLAIMER: The boat disposal sites mapped here are provided as a convenience. The list is not comprehensive and does not imply sponsorship, recommendation or approval by the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Please call the facility first for permission before taking your boat for disposal.