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Instructions for Filing Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement

There are **three** pieces of documentation that you must provide to be granted an abatement.

1. You must provide a completed and signed Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Application. Applications are available in the Assessor's office or on our website; www.milfordma.gov
2. You must provide one of the following:
 - Plate Return Receipt
 - New Registration showing old plate is on a new vehicle.
 - Lost Plate Affidavit (C-19)
3. You must include proof of what happened to the vehicle, such as:
 - Sale (dated and signed bill of sale with VIN listed)
 - Trade-In (dated and signed financial paperwork showing vehicle trade with VIN listed)
 - Gifted (dated and signed gift letter with VIN listed)
 - Donation (receipt from the organization who took possession of vehicle -VIN listed)
 - Total Loss (Insurance statement showing they took possession of vehicle)
 - Junked (a dated receipt from the junkyard)
 - Vehicle Repossessed (letter from lien holder stating they took possession of vehicle)
 - Stolen Vehicle (police report)
 - Moved out of state (a copy of new registration in your new state)

Please be advised that no abatement can be granted until we have paperwork to show the status of the vehicle **and** license plate. If you request an abatement and any paperwork is missing, we will return your documents with a note stating what information is needed.

If you still own the vehicle but it is not registered, even if the plates are returned, you still must pay excise tax for the year. If you still own the vehicle next year, you will not receive an excise bill, but it can be considered taxable under Personal Property. This is a state law, Chapter 60A, Section 1.

If you have moved to another town in Massachusetts, but your car was still registered in Milford as of January 1st, you must still pay Milford.