

Requests to land owners and yard providers

When land or yards are being leased or sold, please check carefully that there is no danger of illegal use.

If you do become suspicious that leased land or yards are being used illegally, please notify the related authorities.

Penalty for violations

On-site inspections of yards and questioning will be carried out if necessary.

In the event of a violation of obligations under this ordinance, there shall be a penalty of up to one year's imprisonment.

Notes

- On-site inspections may be accompanied by police officers.

Inquiries

- **General inquiries concerning the Ordinance on Regulation of Yards**
Yard Countermeasures Team, Waste Management Guidance Division, Environmental and Community Affairs Department, Chiba Prefectural Government
043-223-4658
District Development Offices
- **Inquiries concerning the Automobile Recycling Act**
Yard Countermeasures Team, Waste Management Guidance Division, Environmental and Community Affairs Department, Chiba Prefectural Government
043-223-4658
Regional Branch Offices
Government-designated cities, core cities
- **Inquiries concerning the Secondhand Articles Dealer Act**
Public Morals and Safety Division, Chiba Prefectural Police Headquarters
043-201-0110 (main)
- **Inquiries concerning yard crime in general**
International Criminal Investigation Division, Chiba Prefectural Police Headquarters
043-201-0110 (main)
Police Stations

Ordinance on Regulation of Yards

(Chiba Prefecture Ordinance on Regulation of the Storage, Etc. of Specified Automobile Parts in Yards)

There have been cases of oil or other substances being discharged into the surrounding environment from automobile parts stored in yards and of automobile parts that have been illegally acquired, for example by theft, being stored in yards. Therefore, in order to safeguard the living environment of citizens and ensure their tranquil lives, the Chiba Prefectural Government enacted the Ordinance on Regulation of Yards (to go into effect on April 1, 2015). In addition to regulations stipulated in related laws and ordinances, operators of yards must abide by the rules in this new ordinance. Providers of yards and suppliers of land for this purpose are also requested to cooperate.

- ◆ **The ordinance relating to the storage or separation of automobile parts in yards in Chiba Prefecture will go into effect on April 1, 2015.**
- ◆ **Yards that are already engaged in the storage or separation of automobile parts are also subject to these regulations.**
- ◆ **The “yards” subject to the regulations of this ordinance are facilities that provide space for the storage or separation of automobile parts, such as engines and propeller-shafts. If the facility is even partly surrounded by a board fence, container, etc., it is subject to the regulations.**
- ◆ **For example, the act of separating automobile parts from half-cut vehicles, which does not require permission under the Automobile Recycling Act, is subject to the regulations of this ordinance.**

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What are “yards”?

The “yards” subject to the regulations of this ordinance are facilities that provide space for the storage or separation of automobile parts, such as engines and propeller-shafts.

Notes

- Even if they are not completely surrounded, facilities are subject to the regulations if they are partly surrounded by a board fence, container, etc.
- The regulations do not apply to yards that are not engaged in business and measure less than 300 m². If yards are engaged in business and used on a regular basis, however, the regulations apply regardless of area.
- Although parts of motorcycles, etc. are not subject to the regulations of this ordinance, they are if handled together with parts from secondhand four-wheel vehicles.
- The regulations of this ordinance also apply to the storage of half-cut vehicles.
- In principle, this ordinance does not apply to automobile disassembly and maintenance businesses that have received certification under the Road Transport Vehicle Act.

Obligation of notification

If an operator intends to store or separate automobile parts in a yard, it must notify the governor prior to commencing these acts.

Operators that are already engaged in these acts at the time of the ordinance’s enforcement must also notify the governor (by June 30, 2015).

Notes

- In principle this obligation does not apply to operators who have received permission to engage in disassembly under the Automobile Recycling Act.
- Two copies of the notification form must be submitted. The information to be provided includes the yard’s address, area, equipment, and measures to prevent the leakage of oil, etc. Attachments must include a sketch of the yard and a document giving evidence of right to use the yard.
- The governor must also be notified in the case of changes after notification and temporary stoppage or closure.
- Operators who have completed notification must display a notification number at each yard.

Obligation to take measures to prevent leakage of oil, etc.

The operator must take measures in the yard, such as the installation of reinforced concrete in the floor, to prevent the leakage underground of oil, etc. used in automobile parts.

The operator must take measures, such as the installation of a roof or cover, so that oil, etc. used in automobile parts does not flow out of the yard.

If the operator is already engaged in the storage or separation of automobile parts in the yard at the time of enforcement of this ordinance, the operator must take these measures by June 30, 2015.

Notes

- In principle this obligation does not apply to operators who have received permission to engage in disassembly under the Automobile Recycling Act, but obligations based on the Automobile Recycling Act must be executed.

Obligations in trading engines/motors

When receiving an engine/motor, the operator must check the other party’s name, address, etc.

If, when receiving an engine/motor, the operator suspects that the article might be stolen, the operator must notify the police immediately.

The operator must make a record of the engine/motor transaction and preserve it for three years.

Notes

- Regarding parts overlapping with the Secondhand Articles Dealer Act, these obligations shall not apply to secondhand article traders who have received permission to engage in business under that act, but obligations based on the Secondhand Articles Dealer Act must be executed.
- The name, address, etc. of the other party to the transaction must be checked by the method stipulated in the regulations. (This is the same as the method of confirmation required by the Secondhand Articles Dealer Act.)
- The record must be kept in accordance with the “Engine/Motor Transaction Ledger” format stipulated in the regulations. Entered information must include date of transaction, model and characteristics of engine/motor, other party to the transaction, etc.