

HOW TO LOOK UP/CANCEL YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION/PLATES ONLINE

WITH CT DMV

Note: You must cancel your registration if you no longer have the vehicle or if you have moved out of state. DMV does not require physical license plates to be returned.

Your vehicle will be subject to property tax assessment in the town of record until the registration is canceled. Once the registration has been canceled, the vehicle will be removed from the next Grand List that is provided to the municipalities on October 1st each year.

1. ON YOUR COMPUTER, GO TO THIS WEBSITE ADDRESS: [HTTPS://PORTAL.CT.GOV/DMV](https://portal.ct.gov/dmv)
2. Once you are on the CT DMV website, look for the license plate icon and click on **“Cancel your registration and plates”** as shown in the picture with the arrow and circle below.

The screenshot shows the CT DMV website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'ct.gov | DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES' and links for 'Language' and 'Sign In'. Below the navigation bar, there are links for 'Licenses, permits, & IDs', 'Vehicle services', 'Commercial & industry services', and 'Resources'. A banner below the navigation bar states: 'Deadline to register to vote through DMV for the upcoming election is November 1, 2022'. The main heading reads 'How can we help you today?'. Below the heading is a search bar with the text 'Search ct.gov/dmv' and a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom, there is a row of six service icons: 'Renew a driver's license', 'Make an appointment', 'Cancel your registration and plates' (circled in blue with an arrow pointing to it), 'Transfer an out-of-state license to CT', 'Renew vehicle registration', and 'Register a new vehicle'. At the very bottom, there is a notice: 'The CT DMV is open by appointment only. Know before you go: Please wear a facial covering for all road tests. We highly recommend that you wear a facial covering when you enter a DMV office.'

3. Once in the screen below, either click on blue “**verify your current Connecticut registration status**” link (if you just need to obtain a copy of your cancelled registration receipt or not sure if your registration was already cancelled) or click on the blue box “**GET STARTED**” as shown in the picture below to cancel your registration.

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Registration cancellation overview

The Connecticut DMV offers options online, by mail, and in-person to cancel your vehicle registration and plates or vessel registration. We call this terminating your registration.

You will need to do this if you no longer have the registered vehicle or vessel or if you have moved out of state. Otherwise, your vehicle or vessel will be subject to property tax assessment in the town of record until your registration is cancelled.

Once the registration has been cancelled, the vehicle will be removed from the next cancellation list that is provided to municipalities on October 1 each year.

Prior to canceling your registration, please [verify your current Connecticut registration status](#).

Save time, cancel online
The easiest way to cancel your registration and plates (for individuals) is online.

GET STARTED

4. If your registration/plates have been cancelled or once you’ve successfully cancelled it, please provide the ASSESSOR’s office with the print screen showing the vehicle plate number and the cancellation date. Please include any supporting documents as stated on the [MV Proration/Tax removal checklist](#) (can be found on the Assessor’s website) if you would like for us to adjust to an earlier date.

Ways to submit a copy of the CT DMV plates/registration cancellation receipt to the Assessor’s office:

- Email a copy to Katie.Lam@NewCanaanCT.gov
- Mail a copy to New Canaan Town Hall, c/o Assessor’s Office at 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT 06840
- Drop off a copy in person at the Assessor’s Office at 77 Main Street