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## Province offers \$2,000 for your pre-1996 beater

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Bring out your clunkers.

The B.C. government is to spend \$15 million over the next three years to take at least 15,000 older vehicles off the road under the Scrap-It program.

More than 6,300 vehicles have been scrapped to reduce air pollution by the Scrap-It program since it started in the Lower Mainland a decade ago. Now it will be expanded around B.C.

"It's going to provide rewards on the basis of greenhouse-gas reduction," said Scrap-It director Glen Ringdal, CEO of the New Car Dealers Association of B.C.

The program offers incentives to people who scrap their vehicles, 1995 and older. In B.C., about a million vehicles fit the criteria.

Those trading in their clunkers can get up to \$2,000 to buy another car, transit passes, or even bicycles.

More than 1,800 people have already used their incentives to buy new cars, 600 bought used cars, 2,700 opted for transit passes and 480 got bicycles.

Another 140 went for West Coast Express passes, or joined a car co-op.

Ringdal said taking 5,000 old cars off the road will save the equivalent in air pollution of 165,000 new cars.

Marc Blouin of the B.C. Automotive Recyclers said each car is stripped down, and most parts and fluids are recycled.

Also yesterday, the federal government announced a \$92-million vehicle scrappage program for 1995 models or older. Under the expanded Car Heaven program, which starts next January, incentives include transit passes, bicycles and rebates on a new car.

About five million pre-1995 vehicles are on the road across Canada. They account for up to two-thirds of the pollution that causes smog.

### **MONEY FOR JUNK**

Under B.C.'s Scrap-It program, there are four options for qualifying vehicles:

Option 1: Monthly TransLink passes -- 28 months of one zone, 21 months of two zone or 15 months of three zone.

Option 2: \$1,200 toward a new bicycle or \$1,300 for a new electric bicycle, along with TransLink monthly passes.

Option 3: 28-day West Coast Express passes, in packages of eight to 17.

Option 4: Incentives for new replacement vehicles -- \$750 for a low-greenhouse-gas benefit choice, \$1,250 for a medium-benefit choice and \$2,250 for a high-greenhouse-gas benefit choice.

**MORE INFO:** [www.scrapit.ca](http://www.scrapit.ca)

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