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Maybe your family's second car has a bad transmission and you're working on getting it fixed. Maybe a retiree in your family wants to gift a vehicle to someone who isn't old enough to drive yet. Maybe you just don't want to drive your vehicle for a while. What should you do to avoid paying registration fees for something you're not even using?

Look no further – consider storing your vehicle.

Storing your vehicle short-term:

Short-term vehicle storage is ideal if you will not be driving your vehicle for a couple days to up to three months. This could be due to travel arrangements, seasonal changes, temporary relocation, or if you need to do repairs on your vehicle. Whatever the reason may be, it is important that you **maintain your registration and insurance** should you need to remove your vehicle out of storage at any given moment.

Consider the following tips and suggestions when storing your vehicle short-term:

- Check and top off your fluids – ensure all fluids such as engine oil, coolant and brake fluid are all at appropriate levels
- Fill the gas tank to prevent moisture build-up
- Inflate tires to the recommended pressure
- Use a high-quality car cover to protect the vehicle from dust, dirt and potential scratches

What if my registration expires?

Should your registration expire while your vehicle is currently not in use and you are needing to get it renewed, a quick solution would be to obtain a [movement permit](#). This is a document that allows a vehicle to be legally driven in the state for a short period of time and can be obtained online through a [MyDMV account](#). In addition to the movement permit, you must also complete an [Affidavit of Non-Operation](#), which is our in-house document explaining to our technicians that this vehicle was not in use for a given period of time. Typically, any late fees should be absolved by providing this form.



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Storing your vehicle long-term:

Long-term vehicle storage is ideal if you will not be driving your vehicle for a period longer than three months. You may want to consider this option due to reasons such as extended travel, military deployment, or long-term relocation. In this scenario, we highly suggest it is in your best interest to [cancel your registration and insurance](#).

How do I cancel my registration?

Should you wish to commit to the long-term storage, it is extremely beneficial to cancel your registration. The Nevada DMV offers several methods to cancel:

- **Online**
 - You can cancel your registration online with a MyDMV account. Be sure to use the plates on another vehicle or surrender them through the mail.
- **In person**
 - Bring the plate(s) and decal to any DMV office and surrender plates to a technician.
- **Mail**
 - You may mail the plates, decal, and signed letter requesting cancellation. Be sure to include your current address and daytime number in case we need to contact you.
- **Transfer plates to another person**
 - Consider canceling your registration online if the new owner is not using the plates immediately. You must complete a License Plate Release form and the new owner must submit this form when obtaining an original vehicle registration.

What if I wish to renew my registration after long-term storage?

There is always a simple solution, and that involves visiting us in office! Be sure to bring the old registration, license plates and your current odometer reading.

Remember that piece about movement permits? This comes into play here. If a [smog check](#) is required on your vehicle during the registration process, you can obtain a movement permit to drive the vehicle for a test. Go online and login to your MyDMV account to secure your permit.



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If your vehicle is dated 1996 and newer, be sure to drive at least 50 miles under varying conditions if the battery has been disconnected.