

TITLING WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS

Selling or purchasing a watercraft? Let us help make your titling experience as quick and efficient as possible!

What do I need to know?

- No person is permitted to sell, purchase or otherwise acquire any of the following in Ohio without an Ohio certificate of title ([ORC 1548.03](#)):
 - An outboard motor of 10 horsepower or greater;
 - A watercraft 14 feet or greater in length;
 - A watercraft less than 14 feet in length with a permanently affixed mechanical means of propulsion of 10 horsepower or greater.
- All watercrafts require a 12-character HIN before the title can be transferred ([ORC 1547.65](#)).
 - If your boat does not have a 12-character HIN, please contact the Ohio Division of Watercraft.
- Trailers must have an empty weight of more than 4,000 lbs. to be titled in Ohio.

What do I need to sell my boat or outboard motor?

- The seller(s) must complete the assignment of ownership portion on the back of their current Ohio title. On an Ohio title assignment, the seller(s) must fully complete the assignment, including the buyer's full name and address, date of transfer, and purchase price, and all seller(s) must sign the title in the presence of a deputy clerk or notary public. Any active liens must be cancelled by the lienholder before transfer.
- If the watercraft and/or motor was *not* previously titled, the seller must present proof of ownership to our office and establish an Ohio title in the seller's name prior to the sale. Call our dedicated title help line at 614-525-3090.



What do I need to transfer a boat or outboard motor into my name?

- Physical certificate of title properly assigned by the seller
- Joint ownership requires all owners to be present unless a notarized power of attorney is provided. Social security numbers for all owners are required. Photocopies of titles are not accepted.
- Valid government-issued identification
- Payment for the title fee (additional fees may apply)

We accept cash, check or credit card (with a 3% convenience fee). Make checks payable to: Franklin County Clerk of Courts.

Note: A late fee will apply if the title is not applied for within 30 days of assignment.

Where do I go to transfer my title?

Visit

franklincountyautotitle.com/schedule
to schedule an appointment at one of our
four branches:

Auto Title North:

220 E. Campus View Blvd. Cols., 43235

Auto Title East:

1583 Alum Creek Drive, Cols., 43209

Auto Title South:

45 Great Southern Blvd., Cols., 43207

Auto Title West:

4153 W. Broad Street, Cols., 43228

Mail your documents with payment to:*

Franklin County Clerk of Courts
Auto Title Division
45 Great Southern Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43207

**Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your completed auto title. Only checks and money orders are accepted via mail. Make checks payable to Franklin County Clerk of Courts.*

OR

Have Questions? Call our DEDICATED TITLE HELP LINE at (614) 525-3090
or visit franklincountyautotitle.com

