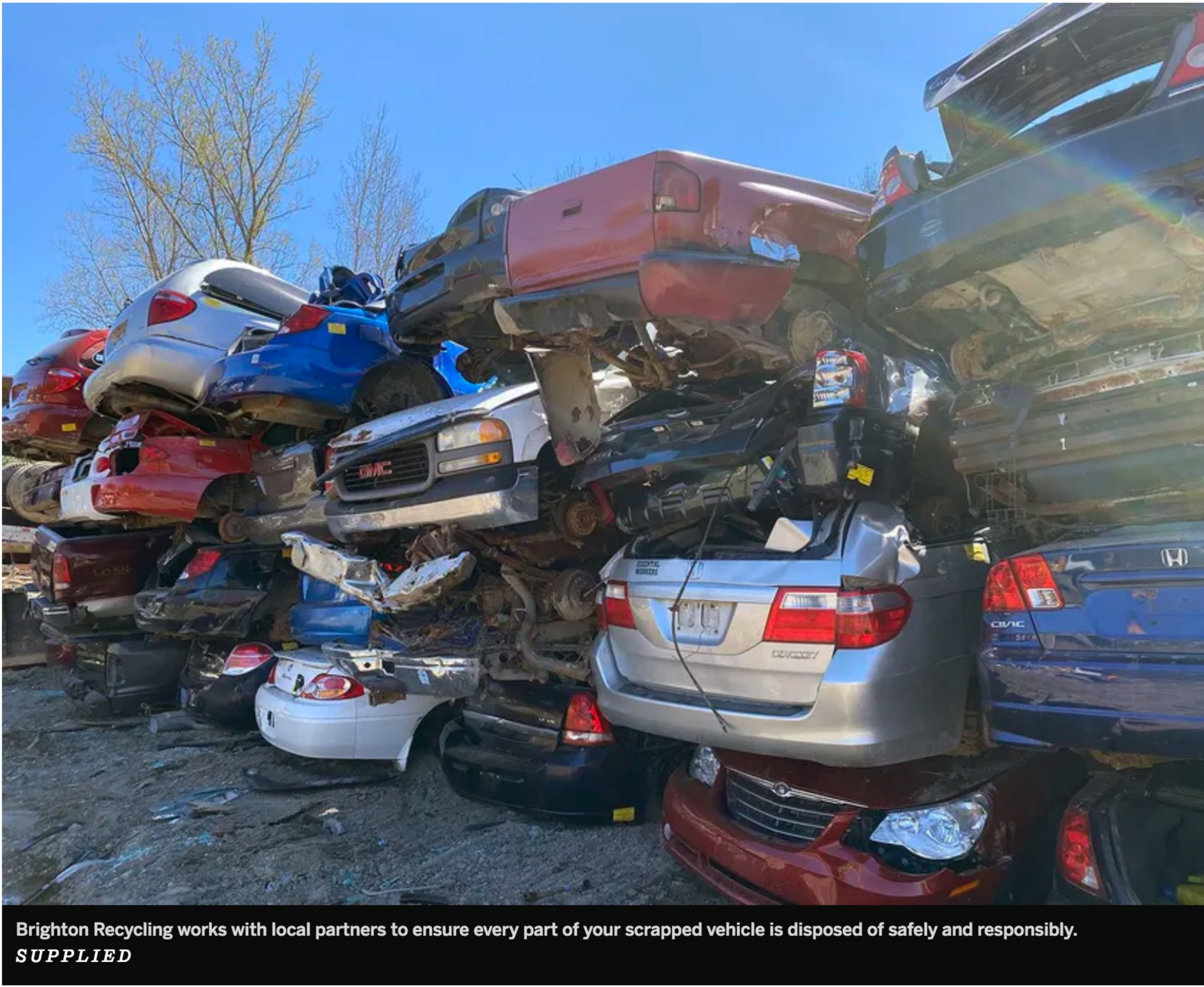


There could be serious consequences for not recycling a car properly: Here’s how to do it right

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If you don’t know who you’re selling your old car to for scrap, then you don’t really know what they’re going to do with it. That can have serious consequences, said Scott Blackburn, the owner of [Brighton Recycling](#), a local business that specializes in vehicle recycling.

“Your vehicle could be put back on the road under your name without you knowing about it,” said Blackburn. “There have been cases where people have gone to get a loan after they sold a car to somebody who just showed up and paid them cash for it and found out that they never changed the registration.”

Blackburn recounted similar stories of people’s cars that they thought had been scrapped turning up on the streets of Toronto, still registered under their name, with thousands of dollars of parking violations. Other vehicles have been used for crimes and abandoned, leading the police to contact the unwitting owners who thought their cars had been junked.

Blackburn said that car owners who sell their vehicles to Brighton Recycling for cash can be assured that they are protected from such mishaps since the company registers all vehicles as being destroyed with the Ontario Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Transportation. Not only do they have the peace of mind from dealing with a registered business, but they have the satisfaction that their vehicles will be recycled in an environmentally responsible manner, said Blackburn.



Brighton Recycling begins by removing the battery to eliminate fire risks, then pneumatically removes liquids and fuel, some of which will be re-used for their own yard vehicles or safely disposed of. Tires are sold to a local recycler, and the remaining hulk is sold to a nearby steel mill to be crushed and melted down to make new steel.

Blackburn highlighted the fact that the many businesses that work with them are all local, something that he believes is vital for the region’s economy.

“It’s very important in this area that people work together because that’s all we have,” said Blackburn.

So when should you consider taking your car off the road?

“People generally know when it’s time,” said Blackburn. “They’re tired of fixing something and then they get that last quote from the repair guy. That’s when they get that gut feeling in their stomach and say ‘I just can’t do this anymore.’ Generally, that’s when they call; they’ve just had enough.”

When you have that feeling and know it’s time to scrap your car in a safe and responsible way, Blackburn says he’ll be there when you [call](#).

“We’ll pick that vehicle up for free, and if you give us your make and model, we will guarantee you a fair price for that car.”

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