

**Advice from the Tax Commissioner:
December 2008**

Vehicle Emission Requirements for 2009

In 2009, all 1985 to 2006 model year gasoline-powered cars or light trucks (up to 8,500 lbs.) need to have a valid Georgia emission inspection completed before registering or renewing tags.

What you need to know

- **Where to Go:** Newer vehicles can be inspected at any emission inspection station. Vehicle models 1995 or older can only be inspected at stations marked "All Vehicles Welcome."
- **Inspect Early:** It is best to get your vehicle inspected four to six weeks before the registration renewal date (the first vehicle owner's birthday), in the event repairs need to be made. An emission inspection is valid for 12 months or for one registration renewal by the same owner.
- **Senior Exemptions:** If you are age 65 or older and are a registered owner of a vehicle 10 model years old or older, and if you drive less than 5,000 miles per year, you may be eligible for a senior exemption. Apply by completing a Senior Exemption Application, available at any Gwinnett County Tag Office, a Georgia Clean Air Force Waiver Center, or visit www.cleanairforce.com.
- **Out-of-Area-Extensions:** If you (or a family member) and your Georgia-registered vehicle are temporarily located well outside the 13-county emission testing area due to school, military or business obligations, you may qualify for an Out-of-Area Extension. Complete the application at any Gwinnett County Tag Office, a Georgia Clean Air Force Waiver Center, or visit www.cleanairforce.com.
- **Repair Waivers:** If your vehicle requires a repair waiver, you will need to apply at a Georgia Clean Air Force Service Center prior to registering or renewing tags. Additional paperwork may be required. Visit www.cleanairforce.com to learn more.

Locations of Georgia Clean Air Force Waiver Center locations, as well as information for new Georgia residents, repair waivers, alternative fuel vehicles or what to do when you sell your vehicle, are available at www.cleanairforce.com. You will find more valuable information at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com or call the Department of Motor Vehicles Customer Service Center at 770-822-8818 with questions or to request forms.