

1st STOP CHECKLIST:

MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING SERVICE

Checklist

- Towing companies must register with the **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (PUCO), Motor Carrier Division**. Contact the Division at **(800) 686-7826**. Information and registration forms can also be found on-line at www.puco.ohio.gov.
- Depending on the size of the vehicle you will drive and the weight you will tow, you may need a commercial driver's license. Contact the **Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles** at **(614) 752-7500** for more information. Information and registration forms can also be found on-line at www.bmv.ohio.gov/.
- If you will tow oversize loads, you will need a special hauling permit from the **Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)**. Contact ODOT's main office at **(614) 466-7170**, or your ODOT District Office for more information. Permit and fee information can also be found at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Pages/Home.aspx>.
- Motor vehicle towing is taxable. You must have a **VENDOR'S LICENSE** and collect sales tax. For more information, contact [YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR](#) or the [OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION](#). Information is also on-line at <http://business.ohio.gov>.
- For more information about taxes, contact the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION** at **(888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; (888) 405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line**. Information is also on-line at <http://tax.ohio.gov>.
- Contact the **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** for information about the proper disposal of hazardous and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at **(614) 644-3020 for General Inquiries** or **(800) 329-7518 for Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention**. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at www.epa.state.oh.us.

Please see **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4513.32** for information about Ohio's motor vehicle towing regulations. The ORC can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4513.32>. If you have questions, contact your local State Highway Patrol office. The **ORC** and **OAC** can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/>.

NAICS 488410/17

THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS. *REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES*

The information contained in this site is for general guidance on matters of interest only and reflects solely the information about the requirements of the State of Ohio. Note, there may be additional local and federal requirements. Accordingly, the information on this site is provided with the understanding that ODSA is not herein engaged in rendering legal, accounting, tax, or other professional advice and services. Before making any decision or taking any action, consult a professional. For more help, contact your local **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov. Also, remember to check local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements. Funded in part through a grant with the U.S. Small Business Administration.*