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## RMV Issues Consumer Alert on Green Registration Plates

**(Boston, MA)**—Registrar Rachel Kaprielian today issued a warning for customers not to be duped by flyers purporting to be from the Registry of Motor Vehicles that urge vehicle owners to turn in their green registration plates by the end of the year.

“Our partners-inspection stations, dealerships and insurance agents-started receiving these flyers last month which erroneously state the RMV is phasing out green plates,” said Registrar Kaprielian. “The fact is, as long as a green plate or red plate can be read from 60 feet away, it is a valid registration and does not need to be replaced.”

However, any green or red passenger plate, which has lost its reflective coating or paint, must be replaced. Massachusetts law states a vehicle owner can be cited by law enforcement for this violation and the vehicle will be ineligible to pass the yearly required state safety inspection.

The RMV encourages vehicle owners to swap illegible plates for a set of red plates at no fee. Faded and illegible plates can be swapped at the RMV’s 35 branch locations.

A red plate that is lost or damaged can also be ordered at any branch or by calling the RMV Telephone Center at 617-351-4500. The cost of replacing these plates is \$10 a plate and will be mailed to the registered owner within seven to ten days.


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