

Gun Buyback Frequently Asked Questions Guns to Gardens Metro Denver

How much money do I get for my firearms? (May vary per event, given as a thank you after firearm is destroyed)

Visa Gift cards are given out at 3 levels depending on the type of firearm turned in:

\$50 for non-semiautomatic, single shot rifles and handguns, including double barrel shotguns.

\$150 for semiautomatic rifles and handguns

\$250 for assault style firearms to be determined on site.

BB/Air Soft guns, kit guns, homemade, 3D printed, ghost guns, and non-serialized firearms are accepted to be disabled but are not compensated.

Will you accept ammunition?

No, please contact your nearest police department for disposal.

What if I don't know how to check if my firearm is loaded?

Buybacks often include many who have inherited a firearm, but never used one before, or are not familiar with the type of firearm they inherited. If this is the case, do not check it without knowing how. Seek guidance from a friend or family member who knows how to safely check for you. Trained personnel also check firearms immediately after unloading them from vehicle.

Is it Anonymous?

Yes. No press or media is allowed at the buyback and photography is prohibited except for our designated photographer capturing the process of disabling each firearm as they are donated. This person has been instructed to not capture any identifying information including vehicles, faces, or license plates. No questions will be asked to obtain personal information like name and address.

An anonymous survey will be handed out to each participant, but is not required to complete. Please politely decline if you are uncomfortable filling it out.

What if I don't want gift cards?

We are still happy to disable your firearm for you. This is not uncommon.

Is this Legal?

Yes. The process used by RAWtools to disable each firearm has been approved at the federal level by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF); as well as the Colorado State Attorney General. When arriving, each vehicle will be accompanied by a volunteer to answer any questions participants may have. For safety reasons, each firearm will be checked for ammunition, serial number recorded, then disabled according to ATF guidelines. Once disabled, participants will receive their gift card. Since the firearm has been disabled prior to its donor leaving, a legal transfer has not occurred.

How long does it take?

Each firearm can take between 2-10 minutes to disable. For instance, some older firearms have more steel to cut through. If you are dropping off more than one firearm, this can add to the time. Depending on when you arrive, there is often a line that can affect your wait time. The beginning of the event is when the line is the longest.

What else can I do to help prevent gun violence?

People donating firearms may still have some at home. If so, be a responsible gun owner. Keep your firearm safely stored and locked with ammunition safely stored and locked separate from the firearm.

More questions? Contact us at info@RAWtools.org