



**REVENUE  
AUTHORITY  
OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S  
COUNTY**

**Q. What is an abandoned vehicle?**

A. An abandoned vehicle is any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer that is inoperable and left on public property for more than 48 hours, or on private property for more than 48 hours without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property. Please see Md. Code, TR § 25-201 for more details.

**Q. What happens to a vehicle that is reported abandoned?**

A. An investigation is conducted to ensure the vehicle qualifies as abandoned. If it is considered abandoned, a notice is affixed to the vehicle 48 hours before impoundment procedures. After 48 hours, the vehicle is towed to a County approved tow lot.

**Q. How do I know where my vehicle was towed?**

A. All impounded abandoned vehicles are reported to the County police dispatch. Contact 311 for information about an impounded vehicle or visit:  
<http://towing.inquiry.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>.

**Q. What happens if I don't reclaim my impounded vehicle?**

A. Failure to reclaim the vehicle within 21 days from the impound date will result in the owner's or secured party's waiver of all rights, title, and interest in the vehicle.

**Q. How do I file a complaint about an abandoned vehicle or check the status of an existing complaint?**

A. You can file a service request with 311 at:  
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1095/PGC311>, or by calling 3-1-1 or 301-883-4748 Monday-Friday 7am-7pm.

**Q. Where do I report an abandoned vehicle parked on private property (driveway, backyard, etc.)**

A. Contact 311 at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1095/PGC311>, or by calling 3-1-1 or 301-883-4748, Monday-Friday between 7a.m.-7p.m. You may also contact the Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE) at 301-636-2000, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Q. How do I find out how much I owe in fees?**

A. For towing and storage fees, please contact the tow company that impounded the vehicle. Fees cannot exceed those authorized by the Prince George’s County Code. The maximum towing rates authorized by Division 10 Section 26-142.14 of the Prince George’s County Code are as follows:

GVW up to 10,000 lbs.....\$175 Charges include first calendar day of storage, mileage, hook-up fees, which includes the use of a dolly and transportation to a storage facility.

GVW 10,001-26,000 lbs.....\$300 Charges include winching, unlocking vehicles, go jacks, and dollies.

Over 26,000 lbs.....\$750 Charges include winching, unlocking vehicles, go jacks, and dollies.

Storage fees may not exceed \$50 per day and may only commence 18 hours after the time the vehicle is towed.

**Q. What is the time frame to have an abandoned vehicle towed?**

A. A vehicle must be in violation and tagged for 48 hours before the vehicle can be towed.

**Q. How do I contest an erroneous tow?**

A. All towed vehicle owners and/or secured parties will receive a notification via certified mail. The notice will provide information about the impoundment and include a show cause hearing request form. Simply follow the instructions and mail the form to the following address within 21 days:

The Office of Boards and Commissions  
1801 McCormick Drive Suite #500  
Largo, Md 20774

**Q. What documents are required to get a vehicle release form?**

A.

- Government issued identification card for the vehicle owner and one of the following documents:
- Vehicle registration card;
- Vehicle title with the owner’s name printed on the front;
- Notarized letter or document from the owner authorizing a third party to retrieve the vehicle;
- MVA VR-277 Receipt of Title Application, (used when someone presents a title with their name signed on the back but not on the front of the title); and

- Court document ordering the release of the vehicle (writ of replevin).

**Q. Where do I send my proof of ownership documents?**

A. Please send the ownership documents to the following e-mail address:  
[abandonvehicle@co.pg.md.us](mailto:abandonvehicle@co.pg.md.us).

**Q. Do I have to pay my citations to receive a vehicle release form?**

A. Yes, all outstanding Prince George's County citations must be paid in full (i.e., parking, redlight and speed camera).

**Q. Where can I pay my citations?**

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- Parking Tickets: Call 855-743-2090
- Speed camera or red light tickets: Visit [www.public.cite-web.com](http://www.public.cite-web.com) or call 844-599-7653