



Marana Police Department

11555 W Civic Center Dr, Bldg B, Marana, AZ 85653
(520) 382-2000

Information about your Impounded Vehicle

If your vehicle was impounded by an officer of the Marana Police Department, please review the information the officer gave you at the time of the impound for instructions.

Why was my vehicle impounded?

Arizona law requires law enforcement agencies to impound ("tow") a motor vehicle when the driver is in violation of the following provisions:

- > The driver is in an accident, AND is in violation of Arizona financial responsibility law AND has a suspended, revoked or cancelled driver's license for any reason, or is unlicensed in any jurisdiction.
- > Driver has never been issued a license or permit in Arizona or issued a license in any other jurisdiction.
- > The driver's license is suspended or revoked for any reason.
- > The driver is arrested for Aggravated DUI.
- > The driver is under 21 years of age and has alcohol in their body (except when the owner of the vehicle is the parent or guardian of the driver).

Please Note:

- If your vehicle was impounded as evidence of a crime, these procedures do not apply.
- If your vehicle was impounded by another law enforcement agency, you must contact that agency for assistance in obtaining the release of your vehicle

HOW DO I GET MY VEHICLE BACK?

On or after the 30th day of impound, OR if your driver's license is reinstated earlier, your vehicle will be eligible for release to you.

You must come to the Marana Municipal Complex, 11555 W Civic Center Dr, Bldg B, Marana, AZ 85653 between 8:00 am–3:00 pm Monday–Friday to start the process.

You must bring a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and valid vehicle registration. It may be necessary for you to go to court and/or the Motor Vehicle Division to obtain the necessary documentation. The Marana Police Department cannot release your vehicle until current and valid documents are presented.

You must pay \$150 to Town of Marana. Preferred forms of payment are cash, money order, Visa or Master Card.

Once this is completed, police personnel will provide an "Authorization for Release of Impounded Vehicle" form to you which you must present to the tow company.

At the towing company, you must pay the towing and storage fees. Those payments are made directly to the towing company. **You must also present proof of your identity and ownership to the tow company.**

If your driving privilege cannot be restored by the end of the 30-day period (i.e. license has been suspended for one year):

You may bring a fully licensed driver with you to drive the vehicle upon release. Valid vehicle registration and proof of insurance are still required.

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WHO CAN OBTAIN THE VEHICLE?

Prior to the end of the 30 day period:

Under the law, an owner, co-owner, owner's spouse (proof required), or lien holder are the only persons who can obtain release of the vehicle. *In certain situations, the spouse or co-owner may enter into an agreement with the police department that they will not let a driver operate the vehicle within one year. If the agreement is violated, there is no relief available from the 30 day impound period the next time a violation occurs.*

On or after the 30th day:

The owner, owner's spouse (proof required), their agent (such as an attorney) or a lien holder are the only persons who can obtain release of the vehicle.

WHAT IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE OWNER WAS DRIVING THE VEHICLE WHEN IT WAS IMPOUNDED?

The owner of the vehicle is responsible for paying all fees and charges associated with the impound prior to having the vehicle released. The owner may seek civil action against the driver for any expenses incurred as a result of the immobilization. This applies except in the case of a vehicle reported as stolen.

If the vehicle was in the process of being sold, all applicable title and registration transfer requirements must be met before the vehicle can be returned to you.

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Under certain circumstances, you may be able to have the vehicle returned to you prior to the end of the 30-days. In some cases, this may require a hearing.

You may be eligible to have your vehicle released early only if you meet one (1) of the following conditions or circumstances:

- If the vehicle was stolen at the time it was impounded
- If the owner presents satisfactory proof that the owner's driving privilege has been reinstated
- If the vehicle is subject to bailment and was driven by an employee of a business establishment, including a parking service or repair garage, who is subject to ARS 28-3511-A or B.
- If ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES: the owner or owner's agent was not the person driving in violation at that time of the impound, **AND** the owner or the owner's agent is in the business of renting motor vehicles without drivers, **AND** the vehicle is registered pursuant to ARS 28-2166

In certain situations, a vehicle may be released to another person, but only if they are listed on the title and registration. The co-owner may enter into an agreement with the Marana Police Department in that they will not allow an individual who has been arrested for Extreme or Aggravated DUI, or a minor in possession of alcohol, drive the vehicle within one year. If the agreement is violated, there is no relief from the 30-day impound period if the vehicle is impounded in the future.

WOULD I STILL HAVE TO PAY FEES AND CHARGES IF THE VEHICLE IS RELEASED EARLY TO ME?

Yes, the owner is still liable for administrative charges and all towing and storage fees.

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AT THE END OF THE 30-DAYS, CAN I JUST GO TO THE TOWING COMPANY AND GET MY VEHICLE?

No. The tow company cannot release an impounded vehicle without paperwork from the Marana Police Department.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I CANNOT CLAIM MY VEHICLE AT THE END OF THE 30 DAYS?

Under Arizona law, the towing company may file for an abandoned title and seek ownership of the vehicle if it is left at the tow yard unclaimed from more than thirty (30) days. If you have difficulty in paying for the towing and storage, but wish to retain ownership of your vehicle, you should contact the towing company and discuss the matter with them.

MAY I REQUEST A HEARING ABOUT THE IMPOUND OF MY VEHICLE?

Yes. Hearings are generally only needed if you are challenging the validity of the impound. If you are now in compliance with the law and are eligible to get your vehicle back, you do not need a hearing—simply proceed with the required steps to obtain the authorized release from the police department.

You may request a hearing in writing or by calling no later than ten (10) days from the date of the vehicle impoundment. The hearings are conducted by a sworn member of the Marana Police Department and may be held over the telephone or in person. There is no fee for a hearing and an attorney is not needed. The hearing process is informal.

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Administrative Fee: \$150
Tow Charges: \$35 plus \$2.50 per mile
Storage Charge: \$15 per day
Gate Fee: \$25 if requiring assistance after 5pm

The administrative fee must be paid to Town of Marana Police Department.
All others are paid to the tow company

Contact Information:

Eddie's Towing.....1-877-503-3343
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