



**Saint Paul Police
Department Impound
Lot**

**830 Barge Channel Rd.
St Paul, MN 55107**

**Phone: 651-266-5642
Fax: 651-298-4938
Auction Hotline:
651-266-5757**

Maps/Directions, Auction information and Snow emergency information can be found online at:

www.stpaul.gov

(The Impound Lot is found under Police, Support Services and Administration)

**Basic Impound
Information**

Standard Impound fees:

First day \$150.68*
\$15 per additional day starting at
midnight.

*Snow emergency tows are \$209.00 and unusual tows are generally higher in price.

Accepted forms of payment:

Cash
Credit

**What you need to get a vehicle
out of impound:**

Valid State issued ID, Permit or Drivers License*, Passport, Military ID, or Consulate ID

Current insurance on the impounded vehicle

If the vehicle is not currently in your name you will need: Title, Receipt of Transfer, Legal Bill of Sale, or Lease Agreement

*A valid DL is needed to drive the car from the lot

**If you are not the registered owner
you will need:**

Personal vehicle: A notarized letter with a copy of the owners photo ID. Or Power of Attorney.

Rental vehicle: The rental company must be notified by the driver/renter of impoundment. The vehicle will only be released with faxed authorization from the company.

Repossession: An Affidavit of Repossession (or Writ of Replevin) and a Lien holder's card (hold harmless) are required- NO ACCEPTIONS!

Unwanted Vehicles

My car was stolen and towed to the impound lot and I do not want it anymore. Can I leave it there?

Yes. "Junk left to City" (JLTC) is a situation in which the owner no longer wants his/her vehicle and decides that they would like to turn the title and keys for the vehicle over to the city. No fees will be assessed to you for the impoundment of the vehicle if you junk it to the city. But you must still pay any and all tickets on the vehicle with the violations bureau. (this is not a charitable deduction)

Can I get my personal property out of my car before I leave it there?

No. "Junk Left to City" does not give the owner permission to remove personal property. All the impound fees must be paid in full before personal property can be removed.

Frequently asked questions

Q: Why did my car get towed?

A: Vehicles are towed for many reasons, including but not limited to: illegally parking or blocking traffic, by police orders (e.g. it's in an accident, stolen, or involved in a crime), violating snow emergency rules, blocking street sweeping, seal coating, or street maintenance, if it's abandoned, if it poses a danger to public safety.

Q: Can I get my vehicle towed out if I don't have insurance?

A: No, all vehicles registered for road use in Minnesota must be insured per MN state Statutes Chapter 65B and Chapter 169.

Q: Can I get my vehicle out of impound if I don't have a valid Drivers license?

A: Yes, but you must have 1 valid driver with you (that drove you here) and get the vehicle towed out **or** have 2 valid drivers with you (1 driver to bring you here and 1 to drive your vehicle out of impound).

Q: My vehicles was involved in an accident/was stolen, can my insurance company come and look at it?

A: Yes. The registered owner can either come in person and fill out an insurance waiver or fax a statement with a copy of ID and proof of insurance to the impound lot allowing the insurance to look at or pick up the vehicle on their behalf.

Q: Why do I have to pay if my car was stolen?

A: You need to pay for the Towing, Administration costs, daily storage and sales tax that have accrued on your vehicle.

Q: When will my car be put up for auction?

A: All vehicles are held for a minimum of 17 days. You have 15 days from the time we send out your certified notice to claim your vehicle.

Q: What happens to the property from my car when it goes to auction?

A: All personal property is subject to be placed in a property auction, personal information is taken out and destroyed.

Q: How do I get my personal property?

A: You can come in and *pay the impound fees, you can sign the vehicle over to your insurance company, or you can prove Indigent Status.* Indigent Status would mean that the registered owner has one of the following; The person is homeless, is eligible for legal aide services, Household income is at or below 50% of the state median income, receives relief from one or more of the following: MFIP & Diversionary Program, medical assistance, general assistance, general assistance medical care, emergency general assistance, MN supplemental aid, MSA-emergency assistance, MN Care, Supplemental Security Income, energy assistance, emergency assistance, Food Stamps, earned income tax credit, or MN working family tax credit.

Q: My vehicle was towed for scofflaw, what do I need to do to get it out. Of Impound?

A: Scofflaws are vehicles with 5 or more unpaid parking violations, the owner of the vehicle must pay all fines or the tickets at the Violations Bureau (651-266-9202) and bring an "OK TO RELEASE FROM IMPOUND" stamped receipt before we can release the vehicle.

SPPD Impound Auctions are typically held once a month rain or shine. --Dates are determined by supply-- Viewings start at 11:30am the Auctions start at 1:00 pm.

For more information call the Auction hotline 651-266-5757 or visit the City of St. Paul website

[Snow Emergency Tow locations](#)

830 Barge Channel Road.

Phone (651) 266-5642 Fax (651) 298-4938

1129 Cathlin, across from the State Fairgrounds.

Phone (651) 603-6895 Fax (651) 603-6897

Open from October 15th – April 15th