



SAINT PAUL MINNESOTA

Saint Paul Police Department Impound Lot

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www.stpaul.gov/Impound

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

Basic Impound Information

Standard Impound fees:

First day \$225.24*
\$15 per additional day starting at
midnight.

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

Accepted forms of payment:

Cash

Credit

*All payments must be in person

What you need to get a vehicle out of impound:

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

*A valid DL is needed to drive the car from the lot, if
the owner does not have a valid License they must
bring 2 licensed drivers with them. Or provide 1
licensed driver and an Uber/Lift or Cab receipt.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes. "Junk left to City" is a situation in which
the owner no longer wants their 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. Although, the owner must pay any
tickets assigned to the vehicle at the
Violation's Bureau. (this is not a charitable
deduction)

Unwanted Vehicles continued:

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 must be insured per MN State Law.

Q: Can I get my vehicle out of impound if I don't have a valid Driver's 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 vehicle 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 email 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: Every towed vehicle is assessed Towing fees, Administration costs, daily storage and sales tax.

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/Shredded.

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 aid 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. This requires a letter from an Official Government Agency, Non-Profit Agency or Legal Aid office.

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

For more information visit the City of St. Paul website

Snow Emergency Tow locations

1129 Cathlin St. Saint Paul, MN 55108

Open from October 15th – April 15th