

- * *The owner or spouse (if requesting the early release) must present a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.*
- * *If the early release is granted, you must first get a release form from the Police Department. You will then have to pay the \$100 administrative fee. Finally, you will take the release form to the tow company.*
- * *The owner/spouse redeeming the vehicle must pay all impound and storage fees.*
- * *After all of this is done, (if the early release request is granted,) the vehicle is released.*

***If the early release request is denied, the vehicle will not be released until the mandatory hold period is over.*

After obtaining a vehicle release form from the Police Department, payment of the \$100.00 administrative fee (in the form of cash, cashiers check, money order, or credit/debit cards,) may be made at:

Lakewood Police Department
 9401 Lakewood Drive SW
 Lakewood, WA
 Hours: Mon—Fri 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Tow Companies

The Lakewood Police Department works with 5 different tow companies. You can call the numbers listed below in order to determine all impound and storage fees for your vehicle.

Your vehicle is with:

- Lakewood Towing #253-582-5080**
- Gene's Towing #253-588-1757**
- Tacoma Towing #253-582-6300**
- Western Towing #253-589-5389**
- Burns Towing #253-533-9533**

Your case number is:



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**Lakewood Police
 Department**

Vehicle Impounds



HOW CAN I GET MY VEHICLE RELEASED?

If your vehicle has been impounded by the Lakewood Police Department you will need to do the following:

- * **FIRST**, you must request a release, in person, at the Lakewood Police Department located at:

9401 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday-Friday, excluding Holidays.
- * The vehicle can only be released to the registered or legal owner. The registered owner may request another person to redeem the car but the owner must be present.
- * The person getting the car must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.
- * Once you have the release form from the Police Department, you must then pay a \$100 fee. This can be done at the Police Department.
- * The owner/person getting the vehicle must pay all impound and storage fees.

Once all of this is done, the vehicle is released.

****Please note: If your vehicle is impounded on a weekend or holiday, the vehicle cannot be released until the following business day.**

HOW LONG CAN MY VEHICLE BE HELD?

The length of the impound hold depends on the driver's record and current charge.

- * *Arrested for DUI/APC? We will put a 12 hour hold on your vehicle.*
- * *Prior number of suspended 3rd convictions:*
 - 0 = No mandatory days*
 - 1 or more = 30 days*
- * *Prior number of suspended 2nd convictions:*
 - 0 = 30 days*
 - 1 or more = 60 days*
- * *Prior number of suspended 1st convictions:*
 - 0 = 30 days*
 - 1 = 60 days*
 - 2 or more = 90 days*

CAN I GET MY VEHICLE RELEASED IF THERE IS A MANDATORY HOLD?

In order for your vehicle to be released before the impound hold is up, you must request a Hardship Hearing. If you believe the impound was invalid, you may also request an Administrative Hearing with the Hearings Officer, within 10 days of the date the impound notice was mailed or presented to the driver/owner by the tow truck driver or company.

What you need to know about qualifying and applying for a hardship hearing:

- * *You must be the registered owner or spouse of the registered owner.*
- * *You must NOT have been granted a prior early release for a past impound.*
- * *You must fill out a Petition for Hardship Release (which you can get at the Lakewood Police Department front desk) and file the petition with the Lakewood Police Department. You will be notified within 10 days the outcome of your request.*

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