* 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 pay the $100 administrative fee to City Hall and receive the release form to be taken 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.

Payment of the $100.00 administrative fee must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, money order, or credit/debit cards, and may be made at:

Lakewood City Hall
6000 Main St SW
Lakewood, WA
Hours: Mon—Fri 8:30 am-5:00 pm

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**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
- □ Auto Transport     #253-584-1205

Your case number is:

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**Vehicle Impounds**

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Lakewood Police Department
9401 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499
(253)830-5000

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

* 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 redeeming the car must have a valid driver’s license and proof of insurance.

* The owner, or person redeeming the vehicle along with the owner, must obtain a form authorizing the release of the vehicle from the Lakewood Police Department, and then pay a $100 administrative fee to the City.

* The owner/person redeeming the vehicle must pay all impound and storage fees.

* After 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.**

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 1st or 2nd convictions?
  - 0 = 30 days
  - 1 or more = 60 days

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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