

GETTING MY VEHICLE

If in a Georgia jail, you can have someone pick up your car from a towing company, but it will require proper written and notarized authorization.

The registered owner must provide the required documentation to the person who will be retrieving the vehicle.

Steps for authorizing a car release

1. **Contact the towing company or impound lot.** The specific paperwork required can vary by jurisdiction and company. Before beginning the process, find out the exact forms and authorization procedures they require. You will also need to confirm that any police hold on the vehicle has been lifted. **A VALID/CURRENT proof of ownership is REQUIRED.**
2. **Download from “FORMS” the document you need (IMPORTANT).** This is the most crucial step and must be completed by the car's registered owner (the person in jail). The letter must explicitly give permission for a named individual to retrieve the vehicle on your behalf.
 - **What to include:**
 - Your full name, address, and phone number.
 - The full name of the authorized representative.
 - The vehicle's year, make, model, color, and VIN.
 - The tag number.
 - A statement that you will not hold the towing company or police liable for releasing the vehicle to your representative.
 - Your signature.
3. **Get the form notarized.** The signature on the authorization form must be notarized. Jail or prison facilities typically have a notary on staff or can arrange for a notary to meet with an inmate to complete this process.
4. **Gather other required documents.** The person picking up the car will need to present additional documents to the towing company:
 - The original notarized letter.
 - A valid driver's license.

- Proof of ownership, such as the vehicle title or valid registration.
 - Proof of current insurance.
 - An ignition key.
5. **Pay all fees.** The authorized person must pay all accumulated towing, storage, and administrative fees. The charges will increase for every day the vehicle remains at the lot.