

The form a garage, a landlord or a tow company files to claim a vehicle somebody left behind, and it is here because a Maine seller can end up on the other side of it. If a buyer never registers the car and it is towed, or if a vehicle you sold is left at a repair shop and never collected, this notice is what starts the process of taking the title away from whoever the Bureau still thinks owns it - which, until the transfer went through, may still be you.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MVT-28 from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/sites/maine.gov.sos/files/inline-files/MVT-28%20Abandoned%20Vehicle%20Notice.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	OTHER	Date of possession	The day the vehicle came into the claimant's hands. Watch out: The fourteen-day notification window runs from here, and missing it caps what can be recovered in storage no matter how long the vehicle stays.
2	OTHER	Plate, state and vehicle	The plate and issuing state, then year, make, model, body type and identification number. Watch out: The plate is often the only clue to who the Bureau thinks owns it, which is how a seller who never completed a transfer gets a letter.
3	OTHER	Tick one of the eight reasons	The numbered list, expanded on the reverse of the sheet. Watch out: Each has a precise definition on the back. Left after authorized repair completed, for instance, requires a written work order signed by the person who asked for the repair.
4	OTHER	Who ordered the tow	A name and address, individual or business. Watch out: For a vehicle simply left somewhere, this is the property owner rather than a towing customer. It should not be left blank because nobody rang.
5	OTHER	Total loss, yes or no	The answer routes to a salvage application or a title application. Watch out: Yes means the vehicle has no marketable value beyond its basic materials and parts. It is a valuation question, not a description of the dents.
6	OTHER	The charges	Towing, daily storage, and repair parts and labour. Watch out: Storage has both a daily reasonableness test and a hard ceiling per thirty days, both printed on the face of the form.
7	OTHER	Attach the work order	A legible copy of the signed work order where repair charges are claimed. Watch out: The word is legible. A faded thermal printout of a signature is the commonest reason a repair claim is struck off the notice.
8	OTHER	Sign the certification	Signature, business name, mailing address and town. Watch out: The warning underneath covers both a material false statement and a failure to disclose required information, and both are Class D crimes in Maine.

What gets this one rejected

- A vehicle that came into possession by none of the eight listed means. The companion instruction sheet says any vehicle not meeting one of those conditions is not eligible to be claimed under Maine's abandoned vehicle law.
- Repair charges claimed with no legible copy of a signed work order attached.
- Storage charged against a vehicle left on residential property for six months, which the reverse of the form excludes from towing, repair and storage charges entirely.
- Filed with no vehicle identification number inspection completed and signed by a full-time law enforcement officer.
- Filed with neither a title application nor a salvage application nor a request for a letter of ownership, which are the three routes the instructions offer.
- Storage charges beyond what Maine allows, which the form prints on its own face.

☒ Amber is what you write

☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes

The completed example follows overleaf.



SECRETARY OF STATE
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

NOTICE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE

In accordance with 29-A, M.R.S.A., Chapter 15, Subchapter III, I am notifying the Secretary of State that

the following vehicle came into my possession on 07 / 13 / 2026 1874 RC ME
DATE PLATE & STATE ISSUED
2009 Ford Taurus SEL 4D SD 1FAHP24WX9G118463
YEAR MAKE MODEL BODY TYPE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

I have possession of the vehicle because:

- ☐ 1. Towed at the request of owner or driver.
- ☐ 2. Towed by order of law enforcement.
- ☐ 3. Towed by order of the Department of Transportation.
- ☐ 4. Towed because left on private or commercial property.
- ☐ 5. Left without permission.
- ☒ 6. Left after authorized repair completed.
- ☐ 7. Left on residential property for 6 months.
- ☐ 8. Left at storage facility.

See reverse for details.

I towed the vehicle on order of: Aurele P. Dostie
NAME
52 Highland Ave, Gardiner, ME 04345
ADDRESS IF INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS

Is the vehicle a total loss?

- ☐ Yes. (The vehicle has no marketable value other than the value of the basic material and parts used in the construction of the vehicle.) Must complete certificate of salvage title application (MVT-102)
- ☒ No. Must complete certificate of title application (MVT-2) for vehicles 25 model years and newer

If the notification to the Secretary of State required by section 1854 (of Title 29-A) is made more than 14 days after receipt of a vehicle described in section 1851, or if notification is not submitted to the Secretary of State, the person holding the vehicle may not collect more than 14 days of storage fees (\$700.00). Daily storage charges must be reasonable and total storage charges may not exceed \$1,500.00 for a 30-day period. (Title 29-A M.R.S.A. chapter 15, subchapter 3, sec. 1857)

Charges against the vehicle:

Towing: \$ 95.00

Daily Storage Charge: \$ 25.00 Must be reasonable

Repair (Parts & Labor): \$ 412.65 You must attach a legible copy of signed work order.

By signing below I certify that the information contained herein is true and correct.

Leverett Hackenberg Cobbossee Towing and Storage
SIGNATURE BUSINESS NAME
88 Brunswick Ave Gardiner, ME 04345
MAILING ADDRESS CITY/TOWN & ZIP CODE

**ANY PERSON WHO MAKES A MATERIAL FALSE STATEMENT OR FAILS TO DISCLOSE
REQUIRED INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS D CRIME (29A M.R.S.A., §751-4)**

PLEASE SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM