

Maximum Allowable Medium- and Heavy-Duty Towing and Recovery Rates for Maryland State Police

Note: All hourly rates are charged port to port.

Medium/Heavy duty tow away

10,001 lbs. - 19,000 lbs. - \$475 for 1st hour; then billed in 15-minute increments.
19,001 lbs. - 33,000 lbs. - \$975 for 1st hour; then billed in 15-minute increments.
33,001 lbs. - 80,000 lbs. - \$1275 for 1st hour; then billed in 15-minute increments.
80,001 and greater - \$1950 for 1st hour; then billed in 15-minute increments (+ permit fees).
Over dimensional loads add \$300 per hour to appropriate weight rate.

***The above rates apply to simple hook and tow. If it is necessary to use the recovery boom in any way refer to recovery rates for the tow truck required to complete the tow.**

Service truck with mechanic

\$475 per hour with a 2-hour minimum, plus any parts and supplies. Vehicle(s) must be in a safe haven or towed to one before mechanical services can be performed. Refer to tow away prices.

Winching/Recovery/Unusual tow services

Rotator 49-ton capacity and less w/trained operator - \$1675 per hour.
Rotator 50-ton capacity to 74-ton capacity w/trained operator - \$2150 per hour.
Rotator 75-ton capacity or more w/trained operator - \$3600 per hour.

***Use of a rotator at the above rates must be justified and supported with photos and documentation.**

Conventional wrecker

12-20-ton capacity - \$500 per hour.
25-35-ton capacity - \$775 per hour.
40-ton capacity or more - \$1125 per hour.

***The above rates are all inclusive of the necessary basic equipment required to effectively perform the tasks expected of the rotator or wrecker such as tools, spreader bars, snatch blocks, straps and other rigging**

Carrier

Medium duty - \$425 per hour.
Heavy duty - \$700 per hour.

Trailers

Traveling axle/ "landoll" - \$800 per hour.
Lowboy/RGN - \$800 per hour.
53' dry van - \$400 per hour.
53' reefer - \$600 per hour.
Dump trailer - \$600 per hour.
Flatbed/step deck with or without tarps - \$600 per hour.
Tanker trailer - \$800 per hour + clean out fees.

Other equipment

Semi-tractor - \$350 per hour.
Front end loader (rubber tire) - \$750 per hour.
Mini excavator - \$750 per hour.
Skid loader w/1 non-hydraulic attachment (pallet forks, bucket, etc.) - \$750 per hour.
Skid loader attachments - \$500 each flat rate.
Forklift (any capacity) - \$750 per hour.
Trailer dolly - \$3500 flat rate.
Air cushions (low pressure) - \$2350 per hour.
Mat jack (high pressure) - \$750 per hour.
Catch bag system (1 or multiple bags) - \$2000 flat rate.

***All rates for motor equipment include a qualified driver/operator**

***Standby time will be billed @ 50% of applicable equipment rate for offsite standby**

***Standby time will be billed @ 100% of applicable equipment rate for onsite standby**

Additional labor

Unskilled labor - \$125 per hour with a 2-hour minimum.
Skilled labor - \$200 per hour with a 2-hour minimum.
Incident scene coordinator/safety lead - \$250 per hour + \$150 per hour for a vehicle, with a 2-hour minimum.

Emergency response unit

\$1100 per hour to include at least the following:

Generator, air compressor, torch set, scene lighting, extensive mechanic's hand tools, large supply and selection of air fittings, lines, and all parts needed to make an air brake system operable or release, additional and redundant straps, chains and rigging, various heavy-duty jacks and cribbing, large zip ties and rope, various saws and cutting tools, multiple brooms and shovels, backpack blowers, power brooms, trash pump, communication devices, safety vests, gloves, rubber boots, safety flares, flags, signs and reflectors, ladders, manual pallet jack, storage barrels and all disposable supplies to include (but not limited to) absorbent, rubber gloves, trash bags, N95 masks, plastic sheeting, barrels, saw blades, tape, crash wrap, bagsters, containment pool, pads and socks.

***All the above rates will increase by 25% from dusk till dawn, as well as all weekends and Maryland state employee holidays.**

***In the event that the County Executive, Governor, or President of the United States declares a state of emergency, or upon the implementation of the Maryland State Snow-Emergency Plan, please be advised that the fees for towing, recovery, winching, and road service increase by 50%. This adjustment is applicable specifically during declared states of emergency or the activation of the Maryland State Snow Emergency Plan.**

Hazmat / Elevated Risk Exposure

Incident level 1 - 150% increase of entire recovery cost

- A. Working on frozen rivers, lakes, ponds, swamps, pools or anywhere else where a risk of breaking through the ice is present.
- B. Working on or near live tracks or hydro wires.
- C. Working in liquids where there is a risk of drowning or exposure.
- D. Flammable high flash point.

Incident level 2 - 150% increase of entire recovery cost

- A. Low flash point.
- B. Working in or on buildings or bridges where there is a risk of collapse.

Incident level 3- 300% increase of entire recovery cost

- A. Class A or B Explosives.
- B. Class A or B Chemicals.

Incident level 4- 500% increase of entire recovery cost.

- A. Nuclear.

***Incident levels listed above are determined by the Maryland Department of the Environment and/or emergency responder leadership for the incident.**

***These charges are added to cover the increased pay required to send manpower into dangerous situations, as well as the increased risk to our equipment and rigging. It also reflects the added cost of specialized equipment needed to safely complete certain jobs in hazardous environments. For example, a recovery over the ice may require a boat to be placed on the ice as well as a heated incident command center if a team member breaks through the ice and goes into the water. Or a tanker upset hauling a flammable liquid with a low flash point will require the use of synthetic loops and slings rather than a chain to limit the sources of ignition.**

***To bring further clarity to the application of the Hazmat Surcharge, emphasizing that it should only be added when there is a direct increased risk and/or exposure during the recovery and cleanup of an accident.**

***It is crucial for a tower's billing practices to accurately reflect the specific circumstances that warrant the inclusion of a Hazmat Surcharge.**

***This surcharge should be reserved for situations where there is a discernible escalation in risk and/or exposure while performing recovery and cleanup duties associated with hazardous materials.**

***Adhering to this principle ensures a fair and transparent billing process that aligns with the genuine challenges faced during hazmat incidents. Your cooperation in implementing this clarification is greatly appreciated.**

*Equipment not typically owned by tow companies such as cranes, vac trucks, roll off trucks, dump trucks, and other equipment that may be subcontracted will be billed at 25% above fair market rate.

*Equipment that may be rented to complete a recovery will be billed at 25% above the rental cost.

*Tolls - 25% above actual cost.

Storage

Vehicle storage per 9' X 18' space occupied - \$90 per calendar day.

Cargo storage dry van and flatbed stored in or on tow company owned trailer - \$750 per day.

Bulk product storage in dump trailer or roll off can in tow company owned/rented equipment or container - \$750 per day + 25% above any rental fees at fair market value.

Refrigerated cargo storage in reefer trailer owned by tow company - \$1050 per day + fuel.

After-hours gate fee

Tow operator may charge an additional gate fee for optional access to vehicle after hours at the tower's discretion.

Administrative fee for simple tow away - \$200

This fee is only to be applied on tows where the vehicle is transported back to the tow company's yard. It covers all billing and documentation paperwork, as well as photos and video, all mailing and emailing of documents. The fee also covers access to the disabled vehicle(s) during normal business hours with 1 gate pass for driver or vehicle owner and 1 gate pass for insurance company representative.

Administrative fee for recovery jobs – Two percent (2%) of the total invoice, capped at \$750.

This fee covers all billing and documentation paperwork, as well as photos and video. all mailing and emailing of documents. The fee also covers access to the casualty vehicle(s) during normal business hours with 1 gate pass for driver or vehicle owner and 1 gate pass for insurance company representative.

Notations

The above-listed rates and fees are maximum allowed. the tow/recovery service provider is not required to maximize their rates and may choose to bill lesser amounts. These rates should be tempered with honesty and ethics.

The above-listed rates and fees only apply for the initial service request. Tow companies are not required to use the above rates and fees for secondary services.

All recovery invoices must include a recovery story. The story must contain descriptions of all equipment used along with the vehicle number(s). Photos and/or video documentation of every recovery using the above rates is required and must be included with the invoice and recovery story.

Current law requires that the Towing Committee reconvene at least every three years to evaluate the rates adopted by the Maryland State Police. The members of the Committee believe that consideration should be given to meeting on an annual basis to evaluate the adopted rates and consider various price indexes, such as the Producer Price Index for Transportation Equipment (PPI), to determine if a modification is needed.