



2026 Wrecker Rotation Fee Schedule

In accordance with Section 38-600 of the South Carolina Code of State Regulations, the Department of Public Safety publishes a yearly Fee Schedule outlining the maximum allowable fees for each class of wrecker on the SCHP Wrecker Rotation List. The reasonableness of fees on the Fee Schedule is determined by the Highway Patrol on a comparative basis. The fees permitted for calendar year 2026 are listed below:

2026 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FEES FOR ROTATION LIST CALLS

Rates / Fees		
Class A Wrecker		
Standard Towing Charge	*Special Operations	Storage
\$272.00 Flat Fee	\$162.00 Per Hour	\$47.00 Per Day
*Special Operations are billed at half the hourly rate in ½ hour increments.		
Class B Wrecker		
Standard Towing Charge	*Special Operations	Storage
\$390.00 Flat Fee	\$269.00 Per Hour	\$59.00 Per Day
*Special Operations are billed at half the hourly rate in ½ hour increments.		
Class C Wrecker		
*Standard Towing Charge	Special Operations	Storage
\$576.00 Per Hour	**See below	\$76.00 Per Day
*Standard Towing is billed at half the hourly rate in ½ hour increments.		
**Although no Special Operations fee is set for Class C tows, a wrecker service may recover the actual cost of rented/subcontracted equipment or labor necessary to accomplish the job. Proof of these actual costs in the form of an itemized invoice or receipt from each third party providing such equipment or labor must accompany the tow bill.		

Class C services only. Rates for all equipment usage should include the cost of an operator, operating expenses, and the cost to transport the equipment to and from the scene. Fees for service, labor, or equipment not listed below may not be assessed.

Description of Service, Labor or Equipment	Rate / Fee
Additional Wrecker	\$560.00 Per hour
Dump Truck, Dump Trailer or Drop Dumpster	\$325.00 Per hour
Rotator/Crane or equivalent	\$790.00 Per hour
Truck Tractor with Box Trailer or equivalent	\$374.00 Per hour
Truck Tractor with Flat Trailer or equivalent	\$375.00 Per hour
Truck Tractor with Landoll/Lowboy/Tilt Trailer or equivalent	\$431.00 Per hour
Skid Steer or equivalent	\$313.00 Per hour
Forklift or equivalent	\$318.00 Per hour
Backhoe or equivalent	\$338.00 Per hour
Service Truck (includes all tools and equipment on board)	\$250.00 Per hour
Tower Light System	\$200.00 Per hour
Complete Air Bag Unit	\$932.00 Per hour
Additional Labor (General)	\$122.00 Per person/per hour
Additional Labor (Specialized)	\$162.00 Per person/per hour



NOTE: SCHP does not require wrecker services to charge any particular fee-this fee schedule lists the maximum fee that may be charged for each class of wrecker. A lesser fee may be charged at any time in the wrecker service's discretion.

Standard Tow: A standard tow is defined as responding to the scene, hooking up the vehicle, performing a general clean up if the call involves responding to a collision scene and providing responsible assistance to the vehicle occupants. In the absence of Special Operations as defined below, the maximum fee for a Class A or B tow is the flat rate listed above. Fees for Class C tows are billed at an hourly rate (see notes under fees).

Special Operations: Special Operations are operations involving the process of up righting an overturned vehicle or returning a vehicle to a normal position on the roadway which requires the use of auxiliary equipment due to the size or location of the vehicle and/or the recovery of a load which has spilled, or the off-loading and reloading of a load from an overturned vehicle performed to right the vehicle. A wrecker service must receive confirmation on-scene at the time of the tow from the investigating Trooper or an SCHP supervisor that Special Operations are required to perform the tow in order to recover such fees. Special Operations shall not be charged for a Class C tow. However, a wrecker service may recover the actual cost of rented/subcontracted equipment or labor necessary to accomplish the job. Proof of these actual costs in the form of an itemized invoice or receipt from the third party providing such equipment or labor must accompany the tow bill.

Charging additional fees other than those shown on the Fee Schedule is prohibited (e.g., administrative fees, gate fees, surcharges). If fees beyond those shown on the Fee Schedule are performed (e.g., hazardous waste cleanup, transportation of vehicle, cargo, or occupant(s) to an agreed upon location other than the one required by the Regulation), those services must be billed on a separate invoice.

Storage: Wrecker services may charge a daily storage fee, commencing 12 hours after the vehicle is towed to the storage area and terminating when the vehicle owner or vehicle owner's designee offers or attempts to pick up the vehicle and offers to pay the wrecker service's legitimate accrued charges.

A COPY OF THIS FEE SCHEDULE SHALL BE KEPT IN EACH WRECKER AT ALL TIMES AND MUST BE PRESENTED UPON REQUEST TO ANY PERSON FOR WHOM TOW SERVICES ARE PROVIDED, HIS OR HER AGENT, OR ANY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE. ANY COMPLAINTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND FORWARDED TO THE SCHP TROOP COMMANDER.

On behalf of the wrecker service named below, I acknowledge that I have received and agree to be bound by the South Carolina Highway Patrol 2026 Wrecker Rotation Fee Schedule and the Department of Public Safety's Wrecker Rotation Disciplinary Policy. Further, I certify that I am authorized to bind the wrecker service named below to the terms of this Fee Schedule and the Department of Public Safety's Wrecker Rotation Disciplinary Policy.

Owner/Representative Name (Printed)

Owner/Representative Signature

Date

Name of Wrecker Service