

Trailer Rental Agreement

A fillable rental contract for a trailer that travels public roads

Use this agreement to rent out a trailer. Identify the trailer by VIN, plate, and title, record the tow vehicle and hookup, fill in the rates, deposit, and insurance terms, and have both sides sign before the trailer leaves. Full walkthrough, clause explanations, and official sources:

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TRAILER RENTAL AGREEMENT

This Trailer Rental Agreement ("Agreement") is made on the date below between the Owner and the Renter identified in Section 1. The Owner keeps title to the trailer; the Renter tows, uses, and safeguards it on public roads for the term and returns it in agreed condition.

1. Parties

Owner (full legal name or entity): _____

Owner address: _____

Renter (full legal name or entity): _____

Renter address: _____

Signer name and title (if Renter is a business): _____

Agreement date: _____

2. Trailer

Make / model / year and type (utility / cargo / car-hauler): _____

VIN: _____

License plate number and state: _____

Title state and title number: _____

Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) from the data plate: _____

Condition at pickup (photos attached as Exhibit A): _____

3. Term and Rates

Rental start date and time: _____

Return date and time: _____

Rate (\$ per day / week): _____

Mileage or use limit, and overage rate: _____

4. Security Deposit

Deposit amount and refund window (days after return): _____

5. Tow Vehicle and Hookup

The Renter warrants the tow vehicle is rated to tow the loaded trailer. At pickup, the hitch and coupler sizes match, the safety chains are secured, the lights are connected and working, and the tires are checked.

Hitch ball size (matches coupler): _____

Lights connected and working at hookup (yes / no): _____

Safety chains secured (yes / no): _____

Brake controller present if trailer has brakes (yes / no / n-a): _____

6. Permitted Use and Load Limits

The Renter uses the trailer lawfully, does not exceed the GVWR or the manufacturer's load limits, and does not sublet the trailer or take it outside the permitted area without the Owner's written consent.

Permitted area or route, if any: _____

7. Registration, Plates, Tolls, and Tickets

The Owner keeps the registration and title current. Any toll, ticket, or citation tied to the plate during the term is the Renter's responsibility, because it lands on the Owner's registration, and the Renter reimburses the Owner for any such charge.

8. Damage, Loss, and Theft

The Renter is responsible for damage, loss, or theft of the trailer during the term, beyond normal wear from proper use, billed at repair cost or the replacement value in Exhibit A. If the trailer is stolen, the Renter reports it to the police the same day and gives the VIN and plate number to the report.

9. Insurance

Before the trailer moves, the Renter confirms in writing whether the tow vehicle's insurance extends to a trailer in tow, and provides a certificate of insurance (COI) if the Owner requires one.

Insurance confirmed in writing (date); COI provided (yes / no): _____

10. Indemnification

The Renter agrees to indemnify the Owner, that is, to cover the Owner for loss, injury, or claims arising from the Renter's use of the trailer on the road, except for the Owner's own gross negligence.

11. Return and Holdover

The Renter returns the trailer to the return location by the return time, in agreed condition, hitched down and undamaged. A trailer kept past the return time runs at the holdover rate below until returned.

Return location: _____

Holdover rate (\$ per day): _____

12. Governing Law

State whose laws govern this

Agreement: _____

Signatures

Owner signature: _____

Owner printed name, title, and date: _____

Renter signature: _____

Renter printed name, title, and date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

This form is general information, not legal advice. A trailer rental is legally a bailment: the Owner keeps title while the Renter tows and uses the trailer. In most states a utility or cargo trailer is a registered, plated, and often titled vehicle, and registration and title rules vary by state, so check your DMV. Under the Uniform Commercial Code a lease of goods must be in a signed writing once total payments reach \$1,000, which many rentals pass. Whether an auto policy covers a trailer in tow depends on the policy, so confirm coverage with the insurer in writing before the trailer moves. If the trailer is stolen, report it to the police the same day with the VIN and plate. Keep the signed agreement, the pickup photos, and any bill of sale together. Full guide and official sources: clearlegaltips.com/trailer-rental-agreement-template/