

Why Did Budget Add a \$200 Charge to My Account?

If you recently rented a car and noticed an unexpected **\$200 charge from Budget** on your bank or credit card statement 📞 **+1 8776844354**, you're not alone. This charge often raises concerns, but in most cases, it's **not an extra fee**—it's a **temporary authorization held** by the rental company 📞 **+1 8776844354**.

If you need clarification about the charge or want to confirm your rental details, you can contact customer support at 📞 **+1 8776844354**.

What Is the \$200 Charge from the Budget?

In most situations, the \$200 charge is a **security deposit or authorization hold** 📞 **+1 8776844354**. Budget places this hold to cover potential costs such as:

- Fuel replacement
- Additional mileage
- Late return fees
- Tolls or traffic violations
- Minor damage or cleaning fees

This amount is **temporarily held**, not immediately charged, and is usually released after the car is returned and the rental is closed 📞 **+1 8776844354**.

Is the \$200 Charge a Final Charge?

No, in most cases it is **not a final charge** 📞 **+1 8776844354**. The \$200 amount is typically a **pre-authorization**. Once you return the vehicle in good condition and meet the rental terms, Budget releases the hold 📞 **+1 8776844354**.

If the charge remains longer than expected, call 📞 **+1 8776844354** for assistance.

How Long Does the \$200 Hold Stay on My Account?

The release time depends on your bank or card issuer:

- **Credit cards:** 3–7 business days (sometimes up to 10)
- **Debit cards:** 7–14 business days or longer

Debit card holds usually take longer to drop off than credit card holds.

Reasons the \$200 Might Become a Permanent Charge

In some cases, part or all of the \$200 may be applied to your final bill if:

- The car is returned late
- The fuel tank is not full
- There are tolls, tickets, or violations
- The vehicle is returned with damage
- Extra services were added

Review your final receipt carefully or contact  **+1 8776844354** if you have questions.

How to Avoid Unexpected Charges from Budget

To reduce the risk of additional charges:

- Return the car on time
- Refill the gas tank before return
- Remove all personal belongings
- Inspect the vehicle and take photos
- Review your rental agreement in advance

Clear communication can help avoid billing surprises.

Conclusion: Should You Worry About the \$200 Charge?

In most cases, **no**. The \$200 charge from Budget is usually a **temporary authorization hold**, not an extra fee. It should be released once your rental is completed and reviewed ☎ **+1 8776844354**.

If the charge doesn't drop off or seems incorrect, contact ☎ **+1 8776844354** for clarification and support.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Is the \$200 charge from the Budget refundable?

Yes, in most cases it is a temporary hold and will be released after the rental is closed, assuming no additional charges apply ☎ **+1 8776844354**.

Why does the Budget place a hold instead of charging later?

The hold protects the Budget against unexpected costs such as fuel, damage, or late returns ☎ **+1 8776844354**.

Will the \$200 charge show as pending?

Yes, it usually appears as a pending or authorization charge, not a completed transaction ☎ **+1 8776844354**.

Does the Budget charge \$200 on every rental?

The amount can vary based on location, vehicle type, rental length, and payment method ☎ **+1 8776844354**.

Is the hold higher when using a debit card?

Yes, debit card rentals often have higher holds and longer release times ☎ **+1 8776844354**.

Who do I contact if the charge doesn't go away?

You should contact customer support at  **+1 8776844354** for help reviewing the charge.