

**Walla Walla Police Department**  
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**TO: POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS OF FOUND PROPERTY**

The following requirements must be met under Washington State Law, RCW Chapter 63.21., in order for you to claim the property you have found.

1. Within seven days of the finding, you must acquire a SIGNED STATEMENT setting forth an appraisal of the current market value of the property (excluding money) prepared by a qualified person engaged in buying or selling like items, or by a District Court Judge.
2. Within seven days of finding the property, report the find to the Police Department, and surrender the property if requested, along with the signed statement appraising the property, to the Police Department, if the property was found within the corporate city limits of the City of Walla Walla, Washington.
3. You must also serve WRITTEN NOTICE on the Police Department that you intend to claim this property if the owner cannot be located within the time period as set forth by law.
4. Within 30 days of your surrender of the property and required appraisal, the Police Department will cause notice of your finding to be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within Walla Walla County (unless the value of the property is less than the cost of publishing notice). If the value is less than the cost of publication, notice may be placed by public posting or published in other media or formats which do not incur costs to the Police Department.
5. After the expiration of a sixty day period from the time the property is received by the Police Department, the property may be released to you and shall become your legal property AFTER you pay the City Treasurer the sum of TEN DOLLARS, plus the amount of the cost of publication of notice incurred by the Police Department. If the appraised value of the property is less than the cost of publication, you will be excused from the paying of any fees.

NOTE: Any property which is illegal to possess is exempt from being claimed under this law.

If you DO NOT claim the property within thirty days of the expiration of the 60 day waiting period (i.e., 90 days), the property shall be considered abandoned under RCW 63.32, and shall be disposed of in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

**IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, YOU FORFEIT ALL RIGHT TO THE PROPERTY AND ARE LIABLE TO THE OWNER FOR THE FULL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.**

If you have any questions, please contact our Property section any business day between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Scott Bieber, Chief of Police