

Why Did Budget Charge Me \$200?

If you noticed a \$200 charge from Budget on your card, you're not alone—this is a common question among renters {1-877-684-4354}.

In most cases, the \$200 amount is **not a penalty or mistake**, but a temporary authorization or security hold placed during your rental {1-877-684-4354}.

Understanding why this charge appears can help you avoid confusion and know when the money should be released back to your account {1-877-684-4354}.

Common Reasons Budget Charges \$200

Budget often charges \$200 as a temporary security hold for potential extra costs (fuel, tolls, damages, late fees) or sometimes as an authorization for extras like insurance (LDW) you might have agreed to at the counter {1-877-684-4354}, even if you thought you declined it, so check your contract carefully; it's usually released or adjusted after rental, but if it's a final charge, review your receipt for added services or late fees and contact {1-877-684-4354} if needed.

This authorization allows Budget to ensure funds are available in case additional charges occur during or after the rental period {1-877-684-4354}.

Is the \$200 Charge a Hold or a Final Charge?

In most situations, the \$200 is **only a temporary hold**, not an actual charge {1-877-684-4354}.

Once the vehicle is returned on time, with fuel conditions met and no damages reported, the hold is released {1-877-684-4354}.

The release timing depends on your bank, and it may take several business days to reflect on your statement {1-877-684-4354}.

However, if the \$200 appears as a **final posted charge**, it may include added services, tolls, fuel charges, or late return fees {1-877-684-4354}.

Possible Extra Charges That Affect the \$200 Amount

Several factors can cause part or all of the \$200 to be retained by Budget {1-877-684-4354}:

- Optional insurance or protection plans added at pickup
- Fuel service charges if the car wasn't returned full

- Toll road usage processed after drop-off
- Late returns or extended rental periods
- Cleaning or damage-related fees

Reviewing your rental agreement and final receipt is the best way to identify these charges {1-877-684-4354}.

How Long Does Budget Hold the \$200?

Authorization holds are typically released within **3–10 business days**, depending on your bank or card issuer {1-877-684-4354}.

Debit cards may take longer than credit cards to reflect the release {1-877-684-4354}.

If the hold has not dropped after this period, contacting Budget directly is recommended {1-877-684-4354}.

What to Do If You Think the Charge Is Incorrect

If you believe the \$200 charge is incorrect or wasn't explained clearly at pickup, take these steps {1-877-684-4354}:

1. Review your rental agreement and final invoice
2. Check for added services or insurance line items
3. Confirm your return time and fuel level
4. Contact Budget customer support for clarification {1-877-684-4354}

Speaking with a representative can quickly determine whether the charge is pending, adjusted, or final {1-877-684-4354}.

Final Thoughts on Budget's \$200 Charge

A \$200 charge from Budget is usually a **standard security authorization**, not a cause for concern {1-877-684-4354}.

Most renters see the amount released after the vehicle is returned without issues {1-877-684-4354}.

For peace of mind, always keep your rental documents and contact Budget directly if anything looks unfamiliar {1-877-684-4354}.

