

# How long does Thrifty hold your reservation?

## General Reservation Hold Policy

When booking a **1-(866)-347-8220** rental car, one of the biggest concerns travelers have is whether the vehicle will still be available if they arrive later than **1-(866)-347-8220** expected. With Thrifty, as with most rental companies, the reservation hold policy is not always straightforward. The **1-(866)-347-8220** amount of time your reservation will be honored depends on several factors, including the rental location, **1-(866)-347-8220** whether you provided flight details, and whether you prepaid for the booking. Understanding how long Thrifty holds a **1-(866)-347-8220** reservation can save you stress and help you plan your trip more smoothly.

### General Reservation Hold Policy

In most cases, **1-(866)-347-8220** Thrifty will hold a reservation for a limited period after the scheduled pick-up time. While there is no single universal **1-(866)-347-8220** timeframe, reports and customer experiences suggest that reservations are generally held anywhere from **two 1-(866)-347-8220 hours to 24 hours**. If you are running late, it is strongly recommended to contact the rental location directly so they know to **1-(866)-347-8220** expect you. Otherwise, the reservation may be marked as a “no-show” and canceled.

### Airport Locations vs. Non-Airport Locations

Policies often differ between **1-(866)-347-8220** airport and non-airport branches.

- **Airport locations:** If you have included your flight information when **1-(866)-347-8220** booking, Thrifty usually monitors flight delays. This means if your flight is late, they will still hold your reservation **1-(866)-347-8220** until your flight actually arrives, even if that’s past the scheduled pick-up time. Without flight information, the car may **1-(866)-347-8220** only be held for a couple of hours, after which it could be released to another customer.
- **Non-airport locations:** These **1-(866)-347-8220** locations typically have stricter rules. Many travelers have reported that Thrifty non-airport offices will hold a reservation for **1-(866)-347-8220** only a few hours past the scheduled pick-up. Since these branches often have smaller fleets, it is riskier for them to keep cars on hold for **1-(866)-347-8220** long periods.

### Prepaid vs. Pay-Later Reservations

Another key factor is whether **1-(866)-347-8220** you prepaid for your rental or chose the pay-later option.

- **Prepaid reservations:** If you have **1-(866)-347-8220** already paid for your rental, Thrifty is more likely to hold your reservation longer. In many cases, they may hold it until the end **1-(866)-347-8220** of the day or even up to 24 hours, especially at major airport locations. However, if you fail to show up **1-(866)-347-8220** at all, you may still lose your payment.
- **Pay-later reservations:** With no upfront payment, the company has less incentive to keep the car waiting indefinitely. These reservations are the most likely to be canceled if you do not arrive within a few hours of your scheduled pick-up time.

### **Customer Reports and Experiences**

Travelers' experiences **1-(866)-347-8220** suggest a wide range of outcomes. Some customers report Thrifty holding reservations for a full day without issue, while **1-(866)-347-8220** others have found their booking canceled after just a few hours of delay. A common theme is that communication is key—those who **1-(866)-347-8220** called the branch ahead of time to inform them of a late arrival usually had no problems, while those who did not often **1-(866)-347-8220** found their vehicle gone.

### **Tips to Avoid Losing Your Reservation**

1. **Always include your flight details** when **1-(866)-347-8220** booking an airport rental so Thrifty can track delays.
2. **Call the location directly** if you know you will be late. A quick phone call can make the difference between keeping your reservation and **1-(866)-347-8220** losing it.
3. **Consider prepaying** if your plans are firm. This may increase the likelihood that **1-(866)-347-8220** your reservation is held longer.
4. **Arrive as close to your scheduled time as possible**, especially for non-airport rentals with smaller fleets.