

MEGA AUCTIONS

Abandoned Personal Property – Statutory Process Flow

Applicable to California, Nevada, and Arizona (state statutes vary)

1	Eviction completed <i>or</i> Notice of Belief of Abandonment served (Civil Code § 1983 or applicable state statute).
2	Possession recovered or abandonment established.
3	Inventory and photo documentation of all abandoned personal property.
4	Professional appraisal to determine aggregate value and applicable statutory thresholds.
5	Statutory handling pathway identified based on state law and valuation.
6	Serve Notice of Right to Reclaim Abandoned Property (Civil Code §§ 1984–1985 or applicable state statute).
7	Publish notice of sale when required by statute.
8	Hold property for the required statutory period.
9	Public auction conducted <i>or</i> lawful disposal, as permitted by statute.
10	Proceeds accounted, records retained, and unit cleared.

State-Specific Notes

California: Civil Code §§ 1983–1991 and § 1993 apply. When statutory value thresholds are exceeded (\$700 residential / \$2,500 commercial), publication in a newspaper of general circulation and public auction are required.

Nevada: NRS §§ 118A.450–118A.460 govern abandoned property. Holding periods generally range from 14 to 30 days depending on property value, after which public sale may proceed.

Arizona: A.R.S. § 33-1370 applies. Property must be held a minimum of 14 days with tenant reclaim rights preserved. Sale proceeds must be retained for up to 12 months.