Need to register a Boat or Utility Trailer?  
Below are the requirements to complete your transaction.

Not a Manatee County resident? Out-of-County residents can only be served at First Manatee South County Tag Agency, located at 5756 14th St. W, Bradenton. You can contact that office at 941.782.6050 or visit the auto tag agency website (autotagagency.net) for more information.

Used Boat or Utility Trailers (1,999 pounds or less)

Submit **one** of the following for **Proof of Ownership**:

- **Bill of Sale** – Must contain the vehicle identification number (VIN) and other trailer details, and must be signed by the seller(s) and list the purchaser(s).
- **Prior Owner’s Registration and a Bill of Sale** - Must be signed by the seller(s) and list the purchaser(s). If both items are presented, Bill of Sale does not need to contain the VIN as long as it is signed by the current registered owner. On newer Florida registrations, the Bill of Sale is located in the lower right hand corner.
- **Dealer Invoice** – If purchased from a Florida Dealer (trailer sales tax statement must also be submitted).
- **Out-of-State Title, Registration, or Manufacturer Statement of Origin (MSO)** – must show complete “chain of ownership”.

Submit **one** of the following for **proof of Empty Weight**:

- Weight Slip (see list of weigh stations on page 2)
- Weight indicated on dealer paperwork
- Weight indicated on the Out-of-State title, registration or MSO
- If previously registered in Florida, the weight listed in our system will suffice

New Manufactured Boat or Utility Trailers (1,999 pounds or less)

You must submit the following for **Proof of Ownership**: **Original MSO** – Must show a “complete chain” of ownership from dealer to dealer until assigned to you (it should also show the empty weight of the trailer; if not, a weight slip would be required).

Submit **one** of the following for **Proof of Purchase Price and Sales Tax Paid**:

- If purchased from a Florida dealer, you must submit their **Trailer Sales Tax Statement**.
- An **invoice from the Dealer/Manufacturer** showing the purchase price and sales tax collected.

Homemade Trailers Never Registered – No Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) (1,999 pounds or less)

You must submit the following as **Proof of Ownership**: **Bill of Sale** with perjury clause or notary (only if purchased from the builder).

**Proof of Empty Weight**: Weight Slip (see list of weigh stations on page 2).

**Note**: If you are the builder of the trailer, all you need is a weight slip.
Weigh Stations in Manatee County

The following locations in Manatee County provide weight slips for the purpose of registering a trailer. Please contact the selected location for fees charged and to verify their hours.

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<td>3333 Lena Road, Bradenton, FL 34211</td>
<td>941.748.5543</td>
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<td>Port Manatee</td>
<td>300 Regal Cruise Way Ste. 100, Palmetto, FL 34221</td>
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Sales Tax

If you just purchased the trailer and are unable to prove that you paid sales tax, you will be required to pay sales tax, if applicable. The sales tax rate in Manatee County is 7%.

Estimated Fees

We accept cash, check, or debit only. **No credit cards.**

$4.60 to $65.00

**Note:** Estimated fees do not include sales tax and are based on annual registration fees.

Frequently Asked Questions:

**Can someone sell a non-titled trailer (weighing 1,999 pounds or less) without registering it in their name first?**

Yes. Unlike titled vehicles, the owner of a non-titled trailer does not have to register it in their name before selling it. However, they must be able to prove to the purchaser (and our office) that they are the owner by way of a “complete chain” of ownership.

The purchaser must submit to our office all ownership documents that make up the “complete chain” of ownership, including the bills of sale from each purchaser(s) to the new, current purchaser(s).

**What is required if I purchased a trailer weighing 2,000 pounds or more?**

Trailers weighing 2,000 pounds or more are required to be titled and registered, and additional documentation is required. For information, read our [Florida Title Transfer publication](#) or [Out-of-State Title Transfer publication](#).

**Note:** If the trailer is homemade (weighing 2,000 pounds or more) and has never been titled or registered, the **DMV Regional Office** located in Palmetto must inspect the trailer and assign an FLT number before a Florida title and registration may be issued.

**DMV Regional Office**

323 10th Avenue West, Suite #200
Palmetto, FL 34221
Mon to Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 941.723.4551

Visit [taxcollector.com](http://taxcollector.com) for additional information.