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Due to the high volume of civil service requests, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office is prioritizing certain documents for service. The documents listed below will continue to be served by the Sheriff's Office:

- Protection Orders
- Writs of Restitution
- Writs of Execution
- Orders of Sale
- Criminal Subpoenas
- Writs of Habeas Corpus
- Other priority documents as ordered by the court

If necessary, continued attempts at service will be made, depending on time limitations, the difficulty to locate the person(s), and other demands for service. We cannot guarantee service.

Starting March 1st, 2025, the Yakima County Sheriff's office will be initiating a moratorium on the service of other court documents that are not required to be served by state law through the Sheriff's Office. For the court documents listed below, service will need to be sought through alternative methods.

- Small Claims
- Notices
- Summons & Complaints
- Petitions
- Declarations
- Order to Show Cause

Alternative Methods of Service: If service is required on these other court documents listed above, you may choose one of the following methods as referenced in RCW 4.28.080:

- Service may be made by **personal service** methods
 - Have the documents served by someone other than the person who filed the claim who is over the age of 18
 - Private process server
- Service may be made by **registered or certified mail** to the defendant, **only** if approved by the court
 - If mailed, appropriate court guidelines must be followed