

THE DRIVING FOR DOLLARS KIT

Find houses nobody has listed: the five laps, the house log sheet, the stamped-letter checklist and a 30-day tracker

Driving for dollars is the slower, free way to find houses nobody has listed: you look at ONE neighborhood from the street, write down facts about houses that look neglected, look up each owner in the county property records, and mail a letter. This kit is the process I would use, with the mailbox rule quoted from the Postal Service's own pages (checked October 10, 2026). Educational only. Not legal advice. Not affiliated with the U.S. Postal Service or the State of Florida. No income or results are promised.

THE 5 LAPS

- Lap 1. Pick ONE neighborhood and drive it slowly, from the street only. Look for houses that look neglected: an overgrown yard, boarded windows, stacked mail, a tarp on the roof.
- Lap 2. Log every house the same day: street address plus one word about the house (log sheet on page 2). Write facts about the house, never guesses about the people. Park legally before you write, type or photograph a house, or let a passenger log.
- Lap 3. Look each address up in your county's property records. In Florida the real property assessment roll includes "The name and address of the owner." (Florida Statutes 193.114(2)(p), page 4). Use the OWNER's address, which can differ from the house address.
- Lap 4. Paste your notes into Claude or ChatGPT with the prompt on page 2 and get a clean mail sheet, ranked by how many warning signs each house shows. You check every row.
- Lap 5. Mail a stamped letter to the owner's address (checklist and template on page 3). Nothing goes in, on or hung from the mailbox.

THE ONE RULE: NOTHING IN OR ON THE MAILBOX

U.S. Postal Service FAQ (quoting Domestic Mail Manual 508.3.1.3)

"No part of a mail receptacle may be used to deliver any matter not bearing postage, including items or matter placed upon, supported by, attached to, hung from, or inserted into a mail receptacle." The same FAQ answers the question "Can a flyer/envelope be put in someone else's mailbox without being mailed? What if a stamp was placed on it?" with "No."

18 U.S. Code 1725 (Cornell Legal Information Institute)

"Whoever knowingly and willfully deposits any mailable matter such as statements of accounts, circulars, sale bills, or other like matter, on which no postage has been paid, in any letter box established, approved, or accepted by the Postal Service for the receipt or delivery of mail matter on any mail route with intent to avoid payment of lawful postage thereon, shall for each such offense be fined under this title."

LAPS 1-2: THE HOUSE LOG SHEET (TEMPLATE, INVENTED ADDRESSES)

TEMPLATE. The addresses below are invented. Replace every row with what you actually see from the street. One row per house, logged the same day.

#	Street address	Date	One word	Signs you can SEE	Score
1	100 Sample Street		overgrown	tall grass, stacked mail	2
2	102 Sample Street		boarded	boarded window	1
3	104 Sample Street		tarp	roof tarp, peeling paint	2
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

- Score = the number of signs you can see from the street. Count only what is visible: overgrown yard, boarded or broken window, stacked mail or papers, roof tarp, peeling paint.
- Never write a guess about the people (age, health, money, family, why they might sell). Facts about the house only. If you cannot see it from the street, it does not go on the sheet.

LAP 4: VOICE-MEMO-TO-SHEET PROMPT (COPY AND PASTE)

Paste this, then paste your notes under it

Below are my notes about houses I saw from the street. Make a table with one row per house: street address, date, the visible facts only, and a count of warning signs (overgrown yard, boarded or broken window, stacked mail, roof tarp, peeling paint). Do not guess anything about the people who live there and do not add names. Sort so the highest count is first. Keep my wording for the facts. If a note has no address, put it in a separate list called NEEDS ADDRESS instead of guessing.

Check every row against your own notes before you use it. The AI can only organize what you give it; it has not seen the houses.

LAPS 3 AND 5: THE STAMPED-LETTER CHECKLIST

- [] Owner name and address from your county's property records (Florida: the assessment roll lists "The name and address of the owner."). Use the owner's address, which may not be the house.
- [] Real postage. The Postal Service FAQ defines it: "Postage' is defined as: Payment for a delivery service that is affixed or imprinted to a mailpiece, usually in the form of a postage stamp, permit imprint, or meter impression."
- [] Your name and return address on the envelope.
- [] Plain wording: who you are, why you wrote, how to reach you. No pressure, no made-up facts, no promises about money.
- [] It goes IN THE MAIL (a collection box, the Post Office or the carrier who delivers your own mail). Never in, on or hung from the owner's mailbox.

LETTER TEMPLATE (FILL THE BRACKETS)

Short, plain, easy to ignore

Hello [OWNER NAME], my name is [YOUR NAME]. I noticed the house at [HOUSE ADDRESS] while driving through the neighborhood. If you have ever thought about selling it, or just want to talk about it, you can reach me at [PHONE OR EMAIL]. If you are not interested, no reply is needed and I will not write again. Thank you, [YOUR NAME], [YOUR RETURN ADDRESS].

30-DAY TRACKER (COUNT WHAT YOU REALLY DID)

Week	Houses logged	Letters mailed	Replies	Notes
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Total				

Replies can be zero. That is information too: change the neighborhood or the letter, not the rules.

LAP 1: STREET ONLY

Florida Statutes 810.09(1)(a), the trespass statute

"A person who, without being authorized, licensed, or invited, willfully enters upon or remains in any property other than a structure or conveyance: 1. As to which notice against entering or remaining is given, either by actual communication to the offender or by posting, fencing, or cultivation as described in s. 810.011; ... commits the offense of trespass on property other than a structure or conveyance." Other states differ.

Stay on the public street; do not enter property that is posted or fenced.

PUBLIC RECORDS, AND KEEPING IT CLEAN

Public records (Florida Statutes 119.01(1))

"It is the policy of this state that all state, county, and municipal records are open for personal inspection and copying by any person." Rules differ by state and some records are exempt from release. Check yours.

- Check your own state and city rules on contacting owners and on real estate wholesaling before you sell or assign anything.
- Never claim to be someone you are not. Say who you are in the first line.
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WHERE THIS COMES FROM (CHECKED OCTOBER 10, 2026)

- U.S. Postal Service FAQ: Restrictions for attaching flyers, posters, etc. to a mailbox
<https://faq.usps.com/s/article/Restrictions-for-attaching-flyers-posters-etc-to-a-mailbox>
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<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1725>
- Florida Statutes 193.114, Preparation of assessment rolls
https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0100-0199/0193/Sections/0193.114.html
- Florida Statutes 119.01, General state policy on public records
https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0100-0199/0119/Sections/0119.01.html
- Florida Statutes 810.09, Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance
https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0800-0899/0810/Sections/0810.09.html

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