

Village of Lake Placid
Small Claims Frequently Asked Questions
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How do I file a Small Claims?

In order to file a small claim you must obtain a form from the Court Clerk. There is a \$20 filing fee.

What are the limits to a Small Claims ?

Jurisdiction of the Court is based on where the defendant resides or has a place of business. Corporations MAY NOT use Small Claims in local courts and the amount sought must be \$ 3000 or less.

What else do I need to know before proceeding with a Small Claims?

A Small Claims Court booklet is available at the Court and also as a download from the court web page. If you have any questions after reading the booklet, please contact the Court Clerk.

What other options do I have to settle a dispute?

The Court and the parties also have the option of settling disputes by using a trained mediator through the North Country Conflict Resolution Services of the Rural Law Center of New York. Their [Mediation Guide for Town and Village Courts](#) is available as a download from the court web page. For further information you can access The Rural Law Center website < <http://www.rurallawcenter.org/pg18.cfm> > or contact them at their local office:

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