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SPRING ROAD WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT IN BURNSVILLE MARCH 5

The City of Burnsville will implement spring weight restrictions for commercial vehicles on City streets effective as of Monday, March 5. These restrictions are put in place as part of a statewide effort to protect roadways during vulnerable spring months.

Seasonal load limits will likely remain in effect for eight weeks, depending on the direction given from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

The two primary causes for premature deterioration of asphalt streets are weather and traffic. As frost leaves the ground during the spring thaw, gravel underneath the street retains high moisture content. This moisture affects the load-carrying capacity of the asphalt pavement. To prolong the life of streets and highways, axle weight restrictions are imposed.

Exceptions to the seasonal load limits in Burnsville are granted to emergency vehicles and school buses. All other vehicles, including but not limited to garbage trucks and general construction vehicles and equipment, must follow the posted weight limits.

More information is also available by calling MnDOT at 1-800-723-6543 or visiting www.mndot.gov/loadlimits. A map of allowed road weights is available on www.burnsville.org/roadweight.

(MnDOT Press Release Below)

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SEASONAL LOAD LIMIT NOTIFICATION

Date: February 28, 2018

Subject: ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases, in the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST and METRO FROST ZONES,
STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the SOUTHEAST and METRO FROST ZONES

POSTING UPDATE

The ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases in the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST and METRO FROST ZONES will be Monday, March 5, 2018 at 12:01 AM.

The STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the SOUTHEAST and METRO FROST ZONES will be Monday, March 5, 2018 at 12:01 AM.

Road Restriction maps indicating the locations of weight restricted routes are listed on the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website at www.mndot.gov/loadlimits.

OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

Permits for over 80,000 lb Gross Vehicle Weight will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are legal.

Up to full-summer overweight permits can be issued during the Spring Load Restriction period only on interstate through movements.

Middle-range overweight permits become available within each frost zone when Spring Load Restrictions are lifted.

Full-summer overweight permits become available within each frost zone starting two to three weeks after Spring Load Restrictions are lifted.

For questions about enforcement call:
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
State Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
651-405-6196 (select Option 3, Option 3).

For questions about over legal weight/size "heavy haul" trucking call:
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations - Oversize/Weight Permits
651-296-6000
or email: ofcvopermits.dot@state.mn.us

The ending dates for Spring Load Restrictions are based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates are established by monitoring roadway strength as weather conditions change. Therefore, the ending dates for Spring Load Restrictions are variable.

As soon as a date is set, MnDOT will report this date on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the USA and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St Paul area. This information is also published on the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website: www.mndot.gov/loadlimits