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SPRING ROAD WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT IN BURNSVILLE

The City of Burnsville has established spring weight restrictions for commercial vehicles on City streets effective as of March 14. 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 the 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. In order 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. A map of allowed road weights is available on www.burnsville.org, search "Road Weight Restrictions."

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