



## Seasonal/Emergency Weight Restrictions Imposed on Trucks to Preserve Roads

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### Weight Restrictions

Roadway surfaces and structure beneath the surface are vulnerable to severe damage in colder areas during the end of winter and beginning of spring when warmer temperatures cause frozen roadway materials to begin to thaw. To preserve the integrity of roadways in the process of thawing it is necessary to impose temporary weight restrictions on trucks until sufficient thawing has occurred. This will reduce the amount of loss and expense to the taxpayers of Spokane County for increased street maintenance, auto repairs and reduce the amount of dirt and noise caused by excessive road damage. The roads are posted with a maximum weight that is allowed per axle. The road weight restrictions typically won't affect the average car or truck. However, construction vehicles may have to lighten their loads to comply with the restrictions. Violators of the road weight restrictions may be fined. For information on specific weights, see Table A of the [Seasonal and Emergency Road Restrictions Information](#) page. for specific weights. Roads posted in Spokane County can either be a seasonal restriction or an emergency restriction. The vehicle speed is always reduced on emergency restricted roads and vehicle speed on seasonal restricted roads is at the discretion of the County Engineer. For detailed information on these restrictions please review [Spokane County Resolution No. 05-0130](#).

### Dates

In Spokane County, seasonal road restrictions for trucks usually go into effect late February or early March and last for approximately 6 weeks. Seasonal variations from year to year dictate the extent of the restrictions.

### Exemptions

**No exemptions or permits** are given on emergency restricted roads. Some variance may be given on seasonal restricted roads, contact Spokane County for details. For additional information please review [Spokane County Resolution No. 05-0130](#).

For additional information, contact Spokane County Public Works at 509/477-3600 or [Spokane County Division of Engineering & Roads](#)