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SEASONAL LOAD LIMIT NOTIFICATION

Date: March 2, 2026

Subject: Winter load increases end in central frost zone
Spring load restrictions start in central frost zone

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will end winter load increases in the CENTRAL frost zone Friday, March 6, 2026 at 12:01 AM.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will start spring load restrictions in the CENTRAL frost zone Friday, March 6, 2026 at 12:01 AM.

Spring load restrictions are scheduled to begin in the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST and METRO zones Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Seasonal load limit (frost) zones and restricted routes can be found on the [MnDOT load limits map](#).

Start and end dates and other load limit information are shown at mndot.gov/loadlimits.

Overweight permits for more than 80,000 pound gross vehicle weight will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are legal ([axle weight limits](#)).

Full-summer overweight permits can be issued, during the spring load restriction period, for travel on the interstate system only.

Middle-range overweight permits become available within each SLL zone when spring load restrictions are lifted. Full-summer overweight permits become available two to three weeks after spring load restrictions are lifted.

Ending dates for spring load restrictions are variable and based on how weather is affecting roadway strength.

MnDOT will report start and end dates on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

For questions about legal axle weight during SLR; Gross Vehicle Weight Schedule, call:

Minnesota Department of Public Safety
State Patrol – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
651-350-2000

For questions about oversize/overweight loads/permitting call:

Minnesota Department of Transportation
Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations – Oversize/Overweight Permits
651-296-6000

Or email: ofcvpermits.dot@state.mn.us

All changes are made with a minimum three calendar-day notice.

For the most current information, go to MnDOT's automated 24-hour message center at 800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, or 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. This information is also published on the MnDOT seasonal load limits website at mndot.gov/loadlimits.

For updated road condition information, call 511 or visit www.511mn.org.

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