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SPRING ROAD WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE MARCH 8

The City of Burnsville has established spring weight restrictions for commercial vehicles on city streets effective March 8. The restrictions are enacted in cooperation 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 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

The two primary causes for premature deterioration of asphalt streets are weather and traffic. As the frost is leaving the ground during the spring thaw, the gravel under the street has high moisture content which affects the load carrying capacity of the asphalt pavement. In order to prolong the service life of the streets and highways, axle weight restrictions are imposed.

Exceptions to the seasonal load limits in Burnsville are 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 the Minnesota Department of Transportation at 1-800-723-6543. A map of allowed road weights is available on www.burnsville.org.

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