

Mowing Guidelines



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Questions About Mowing?

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SD DOT

GUIDELINES FOR MOWING STATE HIGHWAY AND INTERSTATE RIGHT-OF-WAYS

*ADMINISTRATIVE
RULE
70:04:06:06*



Timelines

When Can State Right-Of-Ways Be Mowed?

Administrative Rule 70:04:06:06 states: No mowing of the right-of-way may begin in the west river counties of Gregory, Lyman or Tripp before June 15 and east of the Missouri River before July 10. All mowing by permit must be completed by Sept. 1 each year.

Who Can Mow State Right-Of-Ways?

In accordance with the administrative rule, abutting landowners on state highways are given preference to mow right-of-way ditches. Other persons wishing to mow must obtain a waiver from the abutting landowner.

CAN I MOW THE INTERSTATE RIGHT-OF-WAY?

Any person wanting to mow Interstate right-of-way ditches must apply for a permit, with preference being given to abutting landowners. Other persons wishing to mow must also obtain a waiver from the abutting landowner.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXCLUSIONS

The SDDOT may mow medians and areas within the rights-of-way prior to set deadlines to control noxious weeds and provide increased safety to the traveling public.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT

The application/permits needed for mowing the right-of-way for Interstate, state-owned railroad right-of-way, and the abutting landowner waiver are located on the DOT website at:

<https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/forms-publications/forms>

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