

Trempealeau County Highway Department

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Highway Commissioner



IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

March 6, 2023

The Trempealeau County Highway Department advises that “Seasonal Weight Restrictions” will be imposed on the Trempealeau County Truck Highway System beginning **Monday, March 13, 2023. The signing will begin at 7:00 am.** The posted limit will become effective once the sign is in place on the affected road.

This is a critical period of time for the county highways and we request support and cooperation for this temporary load limit. Trempealeau County and State Patrol will be enforcing the posted seasonal weight limits and penalties may be imposed under Sec. 348.21, Wis. Statutes for violations

Spring Weight Limit Restrictions are a necessity for the economic longevity and immediate structural stability of highways that, without restrictions, would seriously deteriorate when the underlying ground is weak and mushy from melting frost. Restrictions will remain in effect until all highways have regained their strength, typically 4 to 7 weeks.

Weight Restrictions will be imposed on all County Trunk Highways, with the exception of the roads listed on Attachment A.

These weight restrictions are for County Trunk Highways Only. Any weight on State, City and Village or Town roads are handled by each individual entity. The seasonal weight restrictions for Trempealeau County Highways are as follows:

<u>Total Number of Axles</u>	<u>Maximum Gross Weight</u>
Single (1) Axle	8 Ton (16,000 lbs.)
Tandem (2) Axles (Straight Truck)	13 Ton (26,000 lbs.)

Signs will be placed at strategic intersections advising the public of specific weight restrictions in effect on the particular highway. **Please watch for the signs!**

Under Section 349.16(3) exemptions may be made to allow for vehicles carrying those commodities of which are used to perform necessary and vital services for the public health, safety and welfare. All over weight vehicles are subject to these restrictions unless exempted. Special concessions on overweight loads may be made in **emergency** situations on a case by case basis.

Thank You for your cooperation and understanding!

BY ORDER OF THE TREMPALU COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

AL RINKA, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

ATTACHMENT A

ROAD BANS – 2023

Only these roads will remain open to unrestricted travel during the seasonal weight restrictions

Strum Area

CTH D in Village of Strum

CTH H from Strum east to Koxlien Road

Pleasantville Area

CTH EE – STH 53 to CTH E

CTH E – EE SOUTH TO PLEASANTVILLE

Arcadia Area

CTH A from STH 93 to STH 95

CTH J – STH 95 to Middle Road

Dodge – Pine Creek Area

CTH G from STH 35 north to Pine Creek

CTH J – CTH G to Dodge

Osseo Area

CTH R from Hwy 10 to Eau Claire County Line

Trempealeau Area

CTH M from STH 35 north to Wagner Rd

All County Trunk Highways within the limits of any City or Village are open to unrestricted travel