



Press Release

**Seasonal weight restrictions will be in effect,
Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:00 a.m.,
for Kalamazoo county roads not designated as all-season roads.**

KALAMAZOO, MI – Seasonal weight restrictions will be in effect on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:00 a.m.** on county roads not designated as all-season roads. The weight restrictions, which reduce normal legal loads, apply only to multiple-axle vehicles, not pickup trucks, or passenger cars. Seasonal weight restrictions lower axle-loading limits and reduce maximum travel speeds for certain vehicles. The [Michigan Vehicle Code \(Excerpt\) Act 300 of 1949](#) provides details about seasonal weight restrictions and their effect on axle loading and speed limits.

Designed to prevent roadway damage, the restrictions usually are temporary and are lifted once the seasonal thaw ends. An all-season road is built with stronger, thicker asphalt layers and can withstand large trucks during the seasonal thaw season. The RCKC collaborated with numerous Michigan road agencies to implement the January 31st effective date based on data and key indicators.

Seasonal weight restrictions are enforced to minimize the damage caused during Michigan's seasonal thaw. As the ground thaws, water is forced toward the surface and exerts pressure on roads, causing them to buckle and become more prone to damage. The heavier the vehicle, the greater possible harm to roads. During the seasonal weight restriction period, trucks traveling on "posted" roads must carry lighter loads and travel at slower speeds. RCKC utilizes [Oxcart's](#) Online permitting program for ALL move permits.

For immediate update resources:

- **RCKC Seasonal Weight Restriction Hot Line** at 269-381-3170 extension 251
- [RCKC Connect](#) – Sign up for Utility and Plat alerts to receive notifications by email, text, or telephone.
- Visit the [Permits Transportation tab](#) of our [website](#) for all season route information.
- **County Seasonal weight restriction information statewide**, please visit the County Road Association (CRA) of MI website
<http://www.micountyroads.org/Doing-Business/Seasonal-Weight-Restriction>
 - **CRA Free mobile APP** can also be downloaded by searching “**Michigan Seasonal Weight Restrictions**” on the Google Play Store or iOS App Store

Three Facts about Michigan’s “Frost Laws”:

- Most local agencies’ seasonal restriction period is significantly less than the 13-week period in Michigan law.
- During the seasonal weight restriction period trucks traveling on "posted/restricted" roads must reduce speeds to 35 M.P.H. and carry lighter loads. Those using “all season” roads can haul normal legal loads.
- Most northern states and all Canadian Provinces also utilize seasonal weight restrictions on their roads.

The RCKC has served as the local road professionals of Kalamazoo County since 1909. RCKC remains committed to our goal of using our expertise, energy, and funds to provide the safest and most convenient road system possible, and to contribute to economic development and high quality of life throughout the county.

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