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WRIGHT COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE DIVISION PRACTICES FOR MOWING & VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT

MOWING

Per Minnesota State Statute 160.232 – On any highway, the first eight feet away from the road surface, or shoulder if one exists, may be mowed at any time. And beyond 8' after August 1st.

- First Cut – May
- Second Cut – August
- Third Cut – October
- Brush Mow – August through September (Beyond 8' from road surface)

Some intersection areas are mowed, as needed, to maintain sight distance for safety.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please call the Wright County Highway Department at 763-682-7383 if you see areas that need to be mowed for sight distance safety at County Highway intersections.

ROADSIDE SPRAYING

Per Minnesota State Statute 160.23 - Road authorities, including road authorities of cities shall cause all noxious weeds on their respective highways and streets to be cut down or otherwise destroyed or eradicated as often as may be necessary to prevent the ripening or scattering of seed and other propagating parts of such weeds.

- Spraying begins in May

Our goal is to eradicate the brush & noxious weeds, such as thistle, wild parsnip, leafy spruce, etc. and promote grass cover along the roadside. To meet these goals, we use selective herbicides that have been tested & approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture.

Note: Property owners are able to opt out of spraying and display “DO NOT SPRAY” signs. They are then required to eradicate the noxious weeds on their property. If the weeds and brush along this area of road rights-of-way are not cut or sprayed prior to **June 1, 2023**, the County will spray these areas, even if the signs are in place.



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