

SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL/PUBLIC UTILITY HAUL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Permits are automatically invalidated by the violation of any of the conditions specified by the terms of the permit or false information given on the application. Failure to comply with the conditions of this permit shall be just cause for the immediate suspension or revocation of any or all permits and the operator and/or owner of the vehicle subject to appropriate legal action.
2. The movement of vehicle and load upon said highway(s) shall be restricted to the specified hours as stated on permit. Recommended movements are early mornings when the ground is more stable and air temperatures are 34° Fahrenheit or lower except with prior approval of the Road Commission when emergency repair movements are necessary in the best interest of public safety and welfare. Permit valid only if favorable driving and traffic provisions prevail.
3. The movement shall not impede other traffic in an unreasonable manner and at no time shall traffic be blocked from use of the highway. Vehicles and loads shall not be parked on the highway at any time. The vehicle shall not be loaded or unloaded within the outer shoulder limits of any county road unless permitted by an officer or the Road Commission.
4. Vehicles shall be registered as required by the Michigan Vehicle Code and will not violate any statute or valid ordinance, rule or regulation by any state agency or sub-division of the state. Vehicles are to comply with all statutory provisions as to other permits, licensing, motor vehicle equipment and operation.
5. The driver of the vehicle shall carry this original permit and rules in the vehicle to which it applies and shall have it available for inspection by any Police Officer or Weighmaster of a Road Commission or Motor Carrier Officer.
6. Applicant shall be responsible for any damage caused to wires, mailboxes, trees, buildings, or the road, including the structures and appurtenances, and shall reimburse the appropriate parties for any damage caused by the moving of said vehicle or load. Applicant shall save harmless, indemnify, defend, and represent the Board against any and all claims for bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim arising out of or related to the moving of said vehicle, load, or its presence on or use of the highway by said vehicle and load.
7. Permits are not valid if insurance expires. Applicant to present evidence that at least the following insurance coverage in full force and effect on each vehicle while operating on the public highways under special permit:

Bodily Injury Liability-each person.....	\$500,000.00
Bodily injury Liability-each accident.....	\$1,000,000.00
Property Damage Liability-each accident.....	\$1,000,000.00
Single Limit Policy.....	\$1,000,000.00
Worker’s Compensation.....	Statutory Coverage
8. The applicant or contractor shall name the Ionia County Road Commission as additional insured and certificate holder, by name, on any general comprehensive liability insurance or commercial general liability insurance carried by the applicant or contractor worded as follows:

**The Board of Ionia County Road Commissioners, the Ionia County Road Commission,
and their officers, agents and employees, are named as additional insured parties.**
9. Permits will be issued only for vehicles owned by the applicant or operated under a bona fide lease or rental agreement. The applicant may be required to deposit a inspection fee and to furnish a good and sufficient cash deposit, Certified Check or Irrevocable Letter of Credit to cover any damage that might occur to roads, bridges, or highway structures, by the movement of vehicles and loads under the proposed permit. The applicant agrees to reimburse the Road Commission for any damage resulting from disregard of the permit.
10. The gross vehicle weight of vehicles transporting Agricultural Commodities or Public Utilities shall not exceed 80,000 pounds including all enforcement tolerances, except truck tractor/trailer combinations with more than 5 axles with weight in excess of 80,000 pounds shall not exceed legal axle loading under any circumstance. Permits will in no way supersede posted axle loading limits on any bridge or highway.
11. The maximum width of any portion of equipment shall not exceed 102 inches unless falls under an implement of husbandry or other special conditions stated on permit. Oversize movement up to 12 feet requires the display of a clean red or orange flags at least 18 inches square on all four corners of the vehicle or load. No widths over 12 feet allowed during seasonal weight restrictions.
12. The Road Commission may temporarily suspend or amend a permit, either in its entirety or in certain of its provisions, due to **seasonal or other special conditions**.
13. Permit not valid for highways which are posted for lighter than normal loadings and vehicle exceeds axle loadings as posted.
14. The vehicle(s) covered by this permit shall not exceed **35 M.P.H.** at any time or as otherwise stated on permit.