

## All-Season & Restricted Road System Load Limits & Seasonal Weight Restrictions/Frost Laws

Maximum load limits and/or restrictions may depend on the following:

- What type of highway/roadway you are operating on (see All Season & Restricted Road Map),
- Number of axles, distance between axles, axles assemblies, or combinations of vehicles,
- Tire width,
- Time of year, if Seasonal Weight Restrictions / Frost Laws are in force

Spacing Between Axles	Normal Load Limits for all roads when Seasonal Weight Restrictions/Frost Laws <u>are NOT in force</u> , unless the road is otherwise designated or posted as Restricted OR for unrestricted "All Season Roads" when Seasonal Weight Restrictions/Frost Laws <u>ARE IN force</u>	Restricted Load Limits when Seasonal Weight Restrictions/Frost Laws <u>ARE IN force</u> , unless the road is otherwise designated or posted as Restricted for less weight, or unrestricted "All Season Roads"  (with speed limit of 35 mph)
	<i>Max Weight <u>without</u> a Permit</i>	<i>35% Reduction of Normal Loading Weights</i>
9 Feet or over	18,000 lbs.	11,700 lbs.
More than 3 ½ feet, but less than 9 feet	13,000 lbs.	8,450 lbs.
When part of tandem axle assembly	16,000 lbs.	10,400 lbs.
When less than 3 ½ feet	9,000 lbs.	5,850 lbs.
Maximum load on any wheel shall not exceed (pounds per inch of tire width)	700 lbs.	450 lbs.

### Road Designations and Meanings:

- Normal Roads/NO Seasonal Weight Restrictions - Normal Load Limits (weight/length/width/height) apply unless an approved Permit is obtained from MDOT, local Road Commission, and/or local authority (village/city). Posted speed limits apply.
- Normal Roads/YES Seasonal Weight Restrictions - Maximum load limits are reduced by 35% of the Normal Load Limit and speed limit is restricted to 35 MPH for all roads have Restricted Load Limits unless considered "All-Season Roads".
- Restricted Roads – As posted or designated year-round. Van Buren County Road Commission currently does not have any roads that fall under this category, only Restricted Bridges and Viaducts. Restrictions come into effect when Seasonal Weight Restrictions/Frost Laws are in force, maximum load limits are reduced by 35% of the normal load limit and speed limit is restricted to 35 MPH for all roads unless considered "All-Season Roads".
- "All Season Roads" – Unrestricted. Normal Load Limits year-round, all weather/all season roads, even during Seasonal Weight Restrictions. Normal speed limits apply.
- Some County Roads stretches are eligible for a Seasonal Permit while Seasonal Weight Restrictions/Frost Laws are in force, the Seasonal Permit will allow vehicles to exceed the 35% reduction up to the regular Normal Load Limits, although the speed limit is still reduced to 35mph.

**\*\*No Overweight/Oversize** permits will be granted above and beyond the normal maximum load limit while Seasonal Weight Restrictions/Frost Laws are in force regardless of the route on All-Season or Restricted Roads.

**Exceptions:** Public Utilities Vehicles and Agriculture Commodity Vehicles are allowed Seasonal Permits. Emergencies will permit for well-drillers (with health department contact), etc. only if it is a true emergency (existing customer/landowner is out of water and/or heat, new installs are not an emergency).

\*Road Bores will not be allowed or permitted while Seasonal Weight Restrictions are in force.

### Seasonal Permits and Permit Fees

Seasonal Permits only allow permitted vehicles to have Normal Load Limits on Restricted Roads while Seasonal Weight Restrictions/Frost Laws are in force.

- **Public Utilities** - \$100 per truck
- **Ag. Commodity** - \$50 per truck

Seasonal Permits are available online at Oxcart or paper copy.

### Possible Overweight Fines – The Court sets the fine

- Fines can be generated per axle overage

<b>WEIGHT FINES 257.724</b>	
1,000 to 2,000 lbs.	\$.03 per lb.
2,001 to 3,000 lbs.	\$.06 per lb.
3,001 to 4,000 lbs.	\$.09 per lb.
4,001 to 5,000 lbs.	\$.12 per lb.
5,001 to 10,000 lbs.	\$.15 per lb.
Over 10,000 lbs.	\$.20 per lb.