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SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS TO BEGIN

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 349.16, the Columbia County Highway & Transportation Department will implement seasonal weight restrictions on County Trunk Highways beginning Monday, March 9, 2026. Restrictions become effective upon the placement of signs. Restrictions limit vehicle weight to not exceed 60 % of the legal load limits. Seasonal restrictions are enforced each spring in order to reduce damage to roadway(s) (roadbed is unstable and susceptible to damage from frost due to moisture being trapped in upper layers of the subgrade). Weight restrictions will remain in effect until moisture dries out, the roadbed becomes stable again, **and** the signs are removed.

Subpart 349.16(3) provides for exemptions to restrictions; operators meeting these criteria may contact the Highway & Transportation Department for confirmation and further information related to potential approval. Other, emergency, single trip variances may be considered by Highway & Transportation Department on a case by case basis.

For further information, please contact the Department at 338 Old Highway 16 Road in Wyocena, P.O. Box 875, by phone (608)429-2136, or by email highway@columbiacountywi.gov.

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