



WINTER CONSTRUCTION

It is the policy of the Board to restrict subsurface construction activities within its ROW during the winter season. Experience has shown that it is challenging to properly and safely maintain traffic when construction is carried out within the ROW during winter. Experience has also shown that work crews cannot satisfactorily achieve adequate restoration of the traveled surface and the immediate adjoining areas to meet traffic needs. Construction carried out during this time magnifies the disruption of highway structure and substructure within portions of the ROW.

The restriction of use of the ROW during the winter season is as follows:

- The winter season shall be generally defined as the portion of the year beginning on the first day of November and extending to the date that restricted load-limit/seasonal weight restriction enforcement on the public road system is removed. During this period, new construction activities are prohibited from commencing according to this policy.
- The restriction shall include any subsurface construction activity within the ROW including paved or gravel surfaces and gravel shoulders. Work outside the influence of the roadbed, or parallel to the traveled portion of the roadway, may be permitted in a manner that does not impact traffic or maintenance activities.
- No work will be allowed within the ROW for 72 hours following the end of a weather event as determined by the RCKC.
- These restrictions do not apply to emergency repair of existing utilities. This shall include but not be limited to repair of existing water, sewer, or gas utilities. A permit shall be required for all emergency repairs. This permit should be obtained from the RCKC in advance of actual construction, or as soon as practical. Such permits shall be issued with restrictions adequate to protect the interests of the motoring public and the road's physical facilities.
- In issuing permits for winter construction, consideration shall be given to the nature of the service being provided by the road that the proposed construction activity would disrupt.
- All construction activities on or under the road and shoulders are expected to be completed by the first day of November.
- Work begun under this policy prior to the first day of November may be permitted to continue under construction on a day-to-day basis until the contractor is notified to modify or cease operations by the RCKC.