

WINTER WEIGHT BULLETIN 2023-2024

For Rural Municipalities

This bulletin has been developed to assist Rural Municipalities in administering Winter Weights

- The Winter Weight Season runs from November 16th at 12:01 AM to March 15th at 12:01 AM.
- That is to say, winter weights will not be allowed during the above time periods if the weather has been mild and the roads aren't frozen enough.

If your Rural Municipality wishes to be included in whatever the Ministry of Highways chooses to do with the provincial highways in your area, you need not do anything.

- If the Ministry chooses to allow winter weights effective November 16th at 12:01, your Rural Municipality will also be shown as allowing winter weights in the **ORDER**
- If the Ministry chooses to postpone winter weights and remain at the summer weights, an order will be posted on the website reflecting this decision effective November 16th at 12:01 am.
- The same will be true for the period between March 1st and March 15th.
- **However**, if you do not wish to follow what the Ministry of Highways is doing, you must notify the Highway Hotline by fax or email prior to November 12th and prior to the end of February with your preference.

Procedure for Opting In/Out of the Winter Weight Season Orders

Orders are published each Tuesday and Friday, at approximately 12:30 P.M. CST, for the two-week period at the beginning, and the two-week period at the end of the Winter Weight Season. The Order issued on Tuesday comes into effect on the following Thursday midnight (Friday 12:01 am) and the Friday Order comes into effect on the following Sunday at midnight (Monday 12:01am). If your municipality wishes to opt in or out of the Order, you must advise the Highway Hotline as follows:

1. For inclusion/exclusion on the Tuesday Order, you must notify the Highway Hotline no later than noon, Monday. This Order would come into effect on the following Thursday, midnight.
2. For inclusion/exclusion on the Friday Order, you must notify the Highway Hotline no later than noon Thursday. This order would come into effect on the following Sunday, midnight.
3. The option to opt in and out of minister orders, multiple times is not allowed during the winter weights season, unlike spring road bans.

All requests for inclusion/exclusion to the Order must be approved by your RM's road committee or by resolution of council, and a signed copy of the request must be sent by mail or by fax to the Highway Hotline hotline@gov.sk.ca and lane.eering@gov.sk.ca. Telephone requests will not be considered.

Important Information:

- The entire rural municipality must be shown as included or excluded on the published Orders. The Ministry does not have the ability to identify specific roads in a rural municipality.
- The option to opt in and out of Winter Weights multiple times is not allowed.
- If a municipality implements Winter Weights outside the period in which the Ministry publishes the official Orders, the rural municipality is responsible to provide the appropriate notification to affected parties.

**Special
Restrictions**

Setting Limits at Less than Those Specified in a Minister's Order

**Special restrictions on municipal roads will not be included with the Minister's Winter Weight Order.*

If your municipality sets weights at limits other than those in the Minister's Order, the rural municipality is responsible to provide the appropriate notification to affected parties.

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INFORMATION SOURCES FOR THE PUBLISHED ORDERS

- The Orders are emailed out to each Rural Municipality and published on the Saskatchewan.ca website at: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/truckingweights> .

You can view the **current Winter Weight Orders** or the **Previous Order**.

The Orders are published in Adobe PDF format. You can save (download) the Orders to your computer, if required. They will print off in the original format as published.

- Additional information can be obtained by contacting the inquiry line: 1-866-933-5290 in Saskatchewan or 306-933-5290 outside the province.
<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/transportation-and-road-construction/information-for-truckers-and-commercial-trucking-companies/regulations-and-road-restrictions>



- Weight restrictions on provincial highways
- Access roads subject to year-round weight restrictions
- Road restrictions in rural municipalities
- Information on calculating allowable weights during road restriction season.

How to Read the Orders

The official Winter Weight Order issued by the Minister of Highways has two sections. The first section constitutes the official order. This order will show only new information or the removal of information on provincial highways and rural municipalities. These changes will come into effect on the date shown in the order. This information will appear before the signature of the person issuing the order. Once these changes come into effect, they will only appear in the second section of the next Order.

The second section is an informational section only and does not form part of the official order. It will list all provincial highways and rural municipalities which are already subject to Winter weights by other (previous) Orders, and it will also list those provincial highways which are subject to special year-round restrictions.

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Saskatchewan Trucking Inquiry Line

For information on truck configurations or related regulations, please contact the Trucking Inquiry Line below:

Location	Contact	Telephone
Provincial Trucking Inquiry Line	Inquiry Line Toll Free Saskatchewan	1-866-933-5290
	Out of Province	(306) 933-5290

Permit Office – SGI

The Permit Office issues most overweight and over dimensional permits on provincial highways.

Note: Where an overweight load is required to use several provincial highways and/or municipal roads, the Permit Office will issue the permit after consultation with the Ministry and the rural municipalities.

Contacting the Permit Office

- Toll free in Saskatchewan 1-800-667-7575
- Out of province callers 1-306-775-6969
- Fax: 1-306-775-6909