



FROZEN ROAD DECLARATION

Division of Transportation Systems Development
Division of State Patrol

Date Issued:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 348.175, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation declares the zones identified below are eligible for increased weight limitations:

Zone	Declaration Effective Date/Time
1	START Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 12:01 AM CST
2	START Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 12:01 AM CST
3	START Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 12:01 AM CST
4	START Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 12:01 AM CST
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Authorized Highways

- All state and US numbered highways **within Zones 1, 2 3, and 4.**
Note: travel is not allowed on any state highways with posted weight restrictions
- No interstate highway, except the I-39 and I-41 corridors¹
- No local roads are authorized under this declaration. Check with local highway maintaining authorities to determine if local roads are under any frozen road declarations. If local authorities have not issued a declaration, normal weight limits apply.

Eligible Vehicle Restrictions

- Vehicles must be legally registered, which means:
 - currently registered for 80,000 pounds, or
 - the maximum gross vehicle weight based on number of axles and axle spacing allowed under Wis. Stat. ss. 348.15(3)(c) or 348.15(3)(br), if less than 80,000 pounds
- Vehicles hauling abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance, **including** salt brine or liquid calcium chloride
- Vehicles hauling peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise, **not including** woodchips

Authorized Weights

- The maximum gross vehicle weight is **98,000 pounds**, which includes all axles
- Each individual axle is limited to a maximum of 23,000 pounds and must contain at least 8% of the vehicle's gross weight to be counted as an axle
- For groups of 2, 3 or 4 consecutive axles, refer to the weight chart² included in this declaration for the maximum allowed weights
Note: Axle groups of 2, 3, or 4 axles will be split only to determine the minimum (8%) or maximum (23,000 pounds) weights allowed on a single axle

For More Information

Contact the OSOW Permits Section at **(608) 266-7320**, or call (608) 266-8417 for a recorded message

Visit our [Frozen Road Declaration website](#)

¹ As defined by Wis. Stat. ss. 348.01(2)(bc) and (bd)

² The weights in the declaration chart include the 4,000 pounds provided for in Wis. Stat. s. 348.15(3)(br)



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Frozen Road Declaration Weight Chart

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MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMITATIONS IN POUNDS

For Forest Products Cut Crosswise, Abrasives or Salt Used for Winter Road Maintenance

The weights in the below chart indicate maximum weights on axle groups. Additionally:

- Maximum Single Axle Weight = 23,000 pounds
- Maximum Gross Weight = 98,000 pounds

Distance in feet - Front to Rear Axle Centers of Axle Groups	2 Consecutive Axles	3 Consecutive Axles	4 Consecutive Axles
4	38,000		
5	38,000		
6	38,000		
7	46,000	49,000	
7.5—8	46,000	50,500	
8.1—8.4	46,000	54,000	
9	46,000	55,000	
10		55,500	
11		56,500	
12		57,000	67,500
13		58,000	72,000
14		58,500	72,500
15		59,500	73,500
16		60,000	74,000
17		61,000	75,000



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Distance in feet - Front to Rear Axle Centers of Axle Groups	2 Consecutive Axles	3 Consecutive Axles	4 Consecutive Axles
18		61,500	75,500
19		62,500	76,500
20		63,500	77,000
21		64,200	78,000
22		64,900	78,500
23		65,600	79,500
24		66,300	80,500
25		67,000	81,000
26		67,700	81,500
27		68,500	82,500
28		69,100	83,300
29		70,000	84,000
30		70,500	84,700
31		71,500	85,000
32		72,000	85,000

NOTE: This table does not apply to the Interstate Highway System, except for the I-39 corridor and the I-41 corridor as defined in Wis. Stat. ss. 348.01(bc) and (bd).