



**Highway Maintenance Manual**  
**Chapter 02 Administration**  
**Section 20 Eligible Costs**  
**Subject 40 Artificial Snow Fence**

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### ***1.0 Policy***

The department shall pay the county per lineal foot for standard and temporary artificial snow fence installed to serve State Trunk Highways. This rate covers all costs except installation or removal, which shall be charged to the department on a labor and equipment basis. The payment is made annually and covers the quantity installed for the winter season, which begins in the prior calendar year. This cost should be charged using activity code 072.

### ***2.0 Standard Fence and Temporary Fence***

The department shall pay the county \$0.45 per lineal foot for county purchased standard or temporary artificial snow fence installed to serve State Trunk Highways. This per footage payment applies to standard or temporary fence and includes all picket vertical slat (or lathe) fencing, plastic or synthetic fencing, and metal fencing placed seasonally.

The state will reimburse in full if the fence material is purchased by the service provider and permanently installed along the right-of-way fence. The regions may purchase additional snow fence and charge to winter maintenance for a specific state service provider. There shall be no payment to the state service provider for snow fence purchased directly by the state.

### ***3.0 High Performance Fence***

When directed, the department shall pay for high performance artificial snow fence installation on a project basis and under a separate agreement. Qualifying snow fence shall be high performance, permanent snow fence designed specifically to meet the needs of the location installed. The snow fencing shall be made of wood, metal, a synthetic, or a combination thereof. The design shall consider fetch, snow storage capacity, and porosity. [See section 6-15-40 Drift Prevention for details.](#)