



# Wisconsin Frozen Road Declaration

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## 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    | END Friday, February 28, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. CST |
| 2    | END Friday, February 28, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. CST |
| 3    | END Friday, February 28, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. CST |
| 4    | END Friday, February 28, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. CST |
| 5    | END Friday, February 28, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. CST |

## Authorized Highways

- All state and US numbered highways **within all Zones**.  
**Note:** travel is not allowed on any state highways with posted weight restrictions
- No interstate highway, except the I-39 and I-41 corridors<sup>1</sup>
- 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 chart<sup>2</sup> 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 [WisDOT's Frozen Road Declaration website](#).

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by Wis. Stat. ss. 348.01(2)(bc) and (bd)

<sup>2</sup> 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

**DECEMBER 21, 2024**

### 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 -<br>Front to Rear Axle<br>Centers of Axle Groups | 2 Consecutive<br>Axles | 3 Consecutive<br>Axles | 4 Consecutive<br>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                 |
| 18   |                        | 61,500                 | 75,500                 |
| 19   |                        | 62,500                 | 76,500                 |
| 20   |                        | 63,500                 | 77,000                 |



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| Distance in feet -<br>Front to Rear Axle<br>Centers of Axle Groups | 2 Consecutive<br>Axles | 3 Consecutive<br>Axles | 4 Consecutive<br>Axles |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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).