

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF VEGETATION FROM MN/DOT RIGHT-OF-WAY

APPLICANT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES. THESE GUIDELINES ARE GENERAL GUIDELINES THAT WILL APPLY TO ALL REMOVALS. MORE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES MAY BE APPLIED TO INDIVIDUAL SITES UPON SITE REVIEW PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF PERMIT.

- 1- The **removal or pruning** of trees or brush within the boundaries of Mn/DOT Right-of-Way is required to be pre-approved by Mn/DOT Forestry or Landscape personnel. Unauthorized removal shall be a violation of **State Statute 160.22 Subd. 2: Consent for removal**, and may be subject to **State Statute 561.04: Trespass; Treble Damages**.
- 2- The operation of removal of vegetation shall not impede the normal flow of traffic. No Vehicle or Equipment shall be parked on the roadway or road shoulder without prior approval by Mn/DOT and full compliance with the Minnesota Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- 3- All trees and/or brush approved for removal will be marked with flagging or paint (color of which will be noted in permit). Trees will be marked individually and brush will be marked around the borders.
- 4- All trees or brush approved for removal shall be removed from the Right-of-Way whenever possible. If approved to do so, debris and slash can be chipped and spread around the work area to a depth not to exceed four inches. Any material too large to chip, shall be removed. Burning of trees and slash within the Right-of-Way will not be permitted.
- 5- All tree stumps and brush stubble will be cut to the lowest possible height with a maximum height of three inches above the ground. Tree stumps on sloping terrain shall be cut approximately parallel to the ground line. All conifer species shall be cut below the lowest whorl of branches or the lowest point possible. Brush should be cut in a manner to avoid the pointed spikes.
- 6- The felling of trees and tall brush shall be away from the roadway whenever possible and at no time should trees be dropped on the driving surface.
- 7- Any damage to turf or soil caused by the operation of removal of vegetation will be the responsibility of the applicant to repair to a condition similar to the condition found at the beginning of the operation. No rutting of the ground surface will be left UN-repaired. Any large areas of bare ground caused by the operation will require reseeded and mulching with the appropriate seed mixture as designated by Mn/DOT.