



## **SHERIDAN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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**Subject:** Tree & Brush Removal within the Sheridan County Road Right-Of-Way  
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To maintain a clear area along Sheridan County Roads, the Sheridan County Public Works Office proposes the following process.

As a guideline and to assist us with developing a plan, trees and brush will be removed/maintained providing an 18' vertical clearance above the driving surface and 10' horizontal clearance from the edge of the driving surface. There will be situations or circumstances however, where this is not possible or feasible.

Listed below are the intended benefits from following this process:

1. To maintain a clear roadway for the safe travel of the public and to provide a clear roadway area for maintenance vehicles.
2. To maintain a clear roadway area for the visibility for the traveling public and maintenance vehicles. Trees and brush create site issues at roadway intersections, on roadway curves and at driveway access points. They also block signage such as stop signs and curve signs.
3. To reduce the issue of trapping snow on the roadway. Heavy brush can act like a snow fence that causes snow to accumulate on the roadway. Also, this clear area provides a location to place snow cleared from the roadway.

Therefore, Sheridan County's Public Works Office proposes the following process to address maintaining trees and brush within the County Road right-of-ways.

The Sheridan County Road and Bridge Superintendent in cooperation with the District Operators will develop a prioritized listing of roadways that need tree and brush maintenance. The Sheridan County Road and Bridge Superintendent will contact adjacent landowners as needed to facilitate the proposed tree and brush work. The criteria listed above will be used in developing this list. This list will be updated on an annual basis or as deemed necessary.

Roadways will be scheduled for tree and brush removal and maintenance based on this prioritized list. The County may do an annual contract with a company licensed by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) qualified to do tree and brush removal work to assist the Sheridan County Road and Bridge crew.