



# GRUNDY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Attachment: Mowing Policy (6538 : Mowing Policy)

## Mowing Policy

It is the policy of the Grundy County Highway Department control vegetation with these goals in mind: Keeping signs visible to drivers, keeping road users (vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians) visible to drivers at intersections, preserving pavements, and improving winter road maintenance.

Maintenance workers will mow 3 times per year if conditions allow. The first mowing of the year will be before May 1<sup>st</sup> the second mowing will be between June 30<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> and the final will be mid to late October. The first and second mowing will include intersections, line of sight issues, and shoulders and front slope of right of ways. The final will include right of way to right of way to prepare for winter maintenance.

The purpose of the specified mowing time frames allow the county to comply with Monarch Butterfly and Wildlife preservation in accordance with Illinois state recommendations.



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### Dead Animals Policy

Animals are killed with amazing frequency on rural highways. If the animal is found dead on the pavement or shoulder, it will be moved or removed by the Grundy County Highway Department so that it does not pose a danger to the traveling public. When an animal is found on the County Right-of-Way and is not on the pavement or shoulder, it will be left where it is to decay naturally. If a larger animal is found in the direct proximity of residential property the Highway Department, will make every effort to move or remove the carcass.

Grundy County has adopted this policy due to the current local and state laws that make it difficult to dispose of these animals unless they are trucked to a landfill. The cost of hauling dead animals to a landfill is cost prohibitive in terms of labor and equipment. The natural decaying process is relatively quick and it returns nutrients to the soil, provides food for scavengers and saves the County considerable tax dollars.

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