

## Minnesota General Provisions for Oversize/Overweight Permitted Loads

**THIS FORM IS PART OF YOUR OVSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMIT** and must be present during transport. An electronic copy of the Minnesota oversize/overweight permit and these General Provisions may reside on a portable electronic device (e.g. laptop, tablet, smartphone) as long as the device provides a complete and legible copy of the documents and open to inspection by any peace officer or authorized agent granting the permit. No person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of a special permit.

- 1. Vehicle Registration.** Vehicle must be registered for its permitted weight. The MnDOT oversize/overweight permit does not increase a vehicle's registered weight.
- 2. Annual Permits.** Hay; Construction; Farm; Commercial Boat; Mobile Home; Mobile Crane permits which are overweight; or exceed 11 feet wide; or 14 feet 6 inches high require a MnDOT permit system route pre-approval. A copy of the route approval must be made available to law enforcement or MnDOT official upon request.
- 3. County and Local Roads.** Permittee must obtain approval from the appropriate road authority before operating on county or other local roadways.
- 4. Inclement Weather & Road Conditions.** Movement is not allowed during hazardous weather or road conditions, or when visibility is less than 500 feet, or when weather conditions prevent the vehicle from staying within its travel lane.
- 5. Warning Devices:**
  - Flags:** Red or orange warning flags, 18 inch square, to be displayed at widest parts and ends of load when width exceeds 9 feet and/or length exceeds 75 feet. Warning flags/lights must be attached to the underside of the load/vehicle, spaced no more than 20 feet apart when exceeding 75 feet long.
  - Lights:** Warning lights are required whenever signs are required. Lights may be flashing, strobe, or rotating beacon and must be visible from a distance of no less than 500 feet.
  - Signs:** Oversize Load signs required on front and rear of vehicle when width exceeds 12 feet 6 inches and/or length exceeds 95 feet. Signs must be lighted or of reflective material between sunset and sunrise and visible at least 500 feet.
- 6. Pilot Car Escorts.** Pilot car escorts are required by law. (M.S.169.812). Minnesota requires drivers of pilot cars and escort vehicles to hold a current [Minnesota Certification](#) (M.S.299D.085); [Pilot Car Escort Rules](#) (Minnesota Administrative Rule CH.7455). **Colorado, Florida, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Washington** certification holders are allowed to escort overdimensional loads in Minnesota, provided that the Minnesota insurance, driver, vehicle, signage, lighting, and safety equipment requirements are met.
- 7. Posted Roads, Bridges, Detours.** Permittee must comply with all posted road and bridge restrictions.
- 8. Rear Visibility Required.** The hauling vehicle must be equipped with mirrors that provide the driver a rear view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet.
- 9. Loading Limitations.** Except for specific annual permits under MN Statute which allow divisible overweight commodity types, Permits are valid for loads or vehicles which cannot be reasonably divided or repositioned to avoid an oversize or overweight condition, or as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations [23 CFR Part 658](#).
- 10. Travel Hours.** In general, OSOW travel is not restricted up to **14 feet 6 inches wide; 110 feet long; 16 feet high**, unless noted otherwise on the permit. Additionally:
  - **Holiday Travel:** No travel statewide from 2:00pm the day before the holiday to 2:00am the day after the holiday when exceeding 9 feet wide; or 110 feet long. [Holiday Schedule](#).
  - **Weekend Summer Travel:** (*weekend after Memorial Day thru weekend before Labor Day*) **No travel statewide 2:00pm to 8:00pm;** Fridays and Sundays when exceeding 9 feet wide; or 110 feet long.
  - **Rush Hour:** (Minneapolis/St Paul + Duluth Metro) **No Travel 6:00am - 8:30am; 3:30pm - 6:00pm** (*Monday thru Friday*) when exceeding 14 feet 6 inches wide; or 110 feet long; or 16 feet high, unless noted otherwise on the permit.
  - **Night Travel:** (Minneapolis/St Paul Metro) **Travel only 12:00am - 5:00am** (*Monday thru Friday*) when exceeding 14 feet 6 inches wide (*undivided roadway*); exceeding 16 feet wide (*multilane divided roadway*).

**Note to Enforcement Agencies:** Forward permit violations to MnDOT OSOW Permit Section.  
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