

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR MOWING GRASS

These special conditions apply to mowing operations. Permit applicants shall comply with Section 15b of P.A. 51 of 1951; which mandates vegetation mowing and control of brush within the Right of Way of all public roads, except those within the limits of a city or village and designated Federal-aid urban boundaries.

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2. Mowing is only permitted between the ditch bottom and Right-of-Way border

**Limited Access Right-of-Way** mowing shall comply with the following guidelines:

1. The minimum mowing height shall not be less than 3 inches above the ground
2. Mowing areas:
  - a. Mowing is only allowed between the ditch bottom and the Right-of-Way fence
  - b. Mowing area limits are established by the MDOT Region Resource Specialist; and are typically started and terminated at natural or physical barriers like; ditches, streams, wooded areas, overpasses, cross roads, and property lines, etc.
3. Mowing in the following areas is prohibited:
  - a. Where the ditch is part of a recognized wetland, waterway, or county drain
  - b. In the median area
  - c. On slopes steeper than 1-on-4
4. Woody Plants:
  - a. Mowing woody plants is prohibited
  - b. Use of trimmers (line or blade) within 2 feet of a woody plant is prohibited
  - c. Any damaged woody plants shall be replaced by the permittee, at their expense
  - d. Cutting or removing existing woody vegetation is prohibited
5. Access options include from:
  - a. The nearest highway shoulder, that is immediately adjacent to the mowing area
  - b. An interchange cross road, a minimum of 300 feet away from a ramp exit or entrance terminal, that is immediately adjacent to the mowing area
  - c. The use of a gate is prohibited
6. Mowing times are restricted to weekdays from: 6 pm - 8 pm, and weekends from: 8 am to noon
7. Litter shall be removed prior to, and after mowing, and shall be properly disposed of by the permittee, at their expense
8. Protective apparel shall be worn including: safety vests, hard hats, and eye and ear protection
9. Lane or shoulder closures for mowing operations are prohibited
10. Requests for renewing an annual mowing permit can be submitted annually