



Road Division

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SUBJECT: No Spray Program

The Benton County Public Works Department will begin its Annual Roadside Shoulder Spraying Program to control vegetation along County roads starting in **LATE MARCH** (weather permitting).

In order to increase public safety and decrease deterioration of the road, certain restrictions apply to roadside activity. The Benton County Vegetation Control Permit will help identify what is permissible within 8 feet of the edge of the road. Please note that vegetation is not permitted within the first 6 inches of the edge of pavement. This allows water to flow off the pavement onto the gravel shoulder without allowing it to pool at the edge, decreasing deterioration of the road structure. Be aware that the County may spray vegetation that is encroaching on or within 6 inches of the pavement without advance notice.

In the past, you have elected to enter into an **ANNUAL** "No Spray Agreement" with the County. If you elect to continue participating, please take a few moments to read through the enclosed materials and complete the agreement form. If you would like a modified spray program (spraying for noxious weeds but not roadside grasses) please call my office to make arrangements. **Please check your signs for visibility and proper installation.** **Signs must be posted by March 15, 2022.**

Please return the completed **Vegetation Control Permit** with a completed **Vegetation Control Liability Release Form** to the address listed above or email [Lisa.Silbernagel@co.benton.or.us](mailto:Lisa.Silbernagel@co.benton.or.us) **no later than March 1, 2022.** If the County does not receive your signed agreement and liability release form by March 1<sup>st</sup> your property will be removed from the "No Spray Program." You may also notify us by phone, if you no longer wish to participate.

There is a **\$5 annual fee** to participate in the no spray program. This fee will go toward paying for the no spray signs, which must be replaced every 5 years to ensure high visibility. **Please make checks payable to Benton County Public Works.**

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 541-766-6821.

Thank you,

Rich Spofford  
Road Manager

Enclosures

*At your service,  
every day.*