

McLEOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1400 Adams Street SE, Hutchinson, MN 55350

(320) 484-4321 • Fax (320) 234-6971

John Brunkhorst, PE County Engineer Phil Schmalz, PE Assistant County Engineer Elvis Voigt Maintenance Superintendent Christy Christensen GIS Director

NEWS RELEASE

NOXIOUS WEED SPRAYING UNDERWAY, ROADSIDE MOWING TO BEGIN SOON

June 5, 2017

McLeod County has begun spraying for noxious weeds and brush along County roads. The majority of the weeds are thistle and wild parsnip.

Road ditch mowing will begin in a few weeks near intersections and areas where tall vegetation may cause reduced sight lines for motorists. We will also start making a top cut adjacent to the shoulder on all County roads.

Landowners not wanting adjacent Right of Way sprayed or mowed because of organic farming or other special reasons should contact our Department with the locations requested. Landowners are expected to control the noxious weeds and brush in those no spray or no mow areas.

We urge motorists to always drive with caution when encountering the mowers as well as any other highway maintenance equipment and slow down and watch for workers in any work zone.

If the public would like to report locations of noxious weeds or has any questions regarding the chemicals used, spraying techniques, etc. they should contact Elvis Voigt, Maintenance Superintendent at (320) 484-4321.

John Brunkhorst, PE McLeod County Engineer



GIS · Engineering · Maintenance www.co.mcleod.mn.us/highway