

Mowing



MoDOT's Five Year direction focuses on improving major and minor roads and bridges, keeping our commitments and maintaining high customer satisfaction. With decreased funding levels, MoDOT is internally looking for ways to be more efficient with existing resources to achieve these goals. MoDOT's revised mowing policy will improve the consistency of mowing practices statewide, reduce but maximize its fleet and maintain mowing of roadsides closest to the edge of pavement for safety and sight distance. All internal efficiencies will redirect additional funding to improve pavement and bridge conditions.

Mowing Key Focus

MoDOT crews will mow every major road prior to Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day.

Crews will mow the first 15 feet from the edge of the pavement and medians that are less than 60 feet wide.

The 15 foot wide mowing path will allow good sight distance for drivers, which is important for safety.

Minor roads will be mowed during the growing season as needed to keep the nearest strip to the edge of pavement at 12 inches in urban areas and 18 inches in rural areas.

MoDOT will also use plant growth regulators to keep the overall height of grass down and address weeds on minor roads and around safety devices.

All major roads will have a final fall mowing up to 30 feet wide.

Minor roads will have a final fall mowing up to 30 feet wide in odd years and up to 15 feet wide in even years.

MoDOT is also reducing contract mowing except for areas where specialty equipment is required due to steep slopes or other unique circumstances.



**Example:
Correctly mowed 30
feet wide on a major
road.**