



MOUNTRAIL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE HAY REMOVAL POLICY

PURPOSE:

Develop and implement rules governing the disposal of stored hay on Mountrail County road rights of way as allowed by Section 24-05-24 of the North Dakota Century Code for the purpose of snow removal management and for safety reasons.

POLICY

All hay bales on Mountrail County road rights of way must be removed on or before November 1st of each year. The Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department shall publish notice regarding the removal of hay bales for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper with first publication to be at least thirty (30) days prior to November 1st. The notice shall also be mailed to each organized township board chairman at least thirty (30) days prior to November 1st by regular mail delivery.

Hay bales remaining on County road rights of way after November 1st become the sole property of Mountrail County and will be removed by the Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department and/or its contractor. Hay bales removed by the Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department will be disposed of as directed by the Mountrail County Commissioners.

Mountrail County only permits temporary storage of harvested hay on the backslopes of statutory/acquired rights of way at fifty feet (50') or further from the outside edge of the driving lane. Temporary storage of harvested hay outside the 50' threshold should be removed in a timely fashion after harvested. All other storage of harvested hay in statutory/acquired rights of way is prohibited and must be removed immediately after harvested.

The Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department may remove any hay that is not stored safely as specified in this policy. If the County incurs a cost to remove the unsafe encroachment, the cost may be levied against the landowner. Landowner or landowner lessee will only be able to recover removed hay bales upon payment of removal costs incurred by the Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department and/or its contractor(s).

**Adopted: 9/5/2017 by the
Board of Mountrail County Commissioners**