

## **RENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

**DEPARTMENT: Road & Bridge**

**POLICY FOR: *Mud Tracked onto Roads***

*Revised 10/24/2017*

### **PREFACE:**

The following Policy has been established to provide guidelines for the public and for Public Works Staff to follow in order to ensure consistent practices for removal of mud and repair of road / road right of way as a result of mud being tracked onto roads.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Renville County maintains approximately 711 miles of County State Aid Highway and County Roads. Many of these roadway miles are used by landowners or their designee to access agricultural or recreational property. Upon exiting the property, mud may be tracked onto Renville County Roads or damage can occur creating a safety hazard for the traveling public.

### **BASIS OF POLICY:**

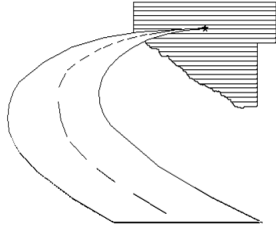
It is the responsibility of the person who placed the mud onto the roadway to have it removed from the right of way. If damage to the roadway or right of way occurs, it is also the responsibility of the person who caused the damage to make arrangements with the road authority to make any necessary repairs to the public infrastructure.

### **Removal of Tracked Mud:**

1. It shall be the responsibility of the person who deposited the mud to remove it.
2. If the responsible party does not remove in a timely manner, Renville County forces will remove and bill the responsible party accordingly at hourly rates.
3. All mud removed shall be returned to the field of origin. It will not be allowed to scrape onto the shoulder or into the road ditch.

### **Repair of Damage to the Road and Right of Way:**

1. If damage to the roadway or right of way occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the person who deposited the mud or caused the damage to notify the road authority to arrange the necessary repairs.
2. If the responsible party does not notify in a timely manner, Renville County forces will repair and bill the responsible party accordingly for time and material.



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**MN State Statute – County residents are reminded that it is unlawful under Minnesota Statute 169.42 to drop any substance likely to injure a person or vehicle upon a street or highway.**

**SUMMARY OF THE POLICY:**

This Policy was developed to provide guidelines for both County personnel and the public. This policy intends to cover the majority of situations normally encountered. If certain situations arise that are not part of the above Policy, the County Engineer (or his/her designee) will deal with them on a case-by-case basis.

Effective Date of Policy: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairperson  
Renville County Board of Commissioners

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Date

Attest:

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Renville County Administrator

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Date