

Planting Crops on Highway Right-of-Ways

The Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Pipestone County Highway Department reminds farmers that planting crops within rights of way is illegal. Plantings pose a safety concern as crops can block motorists' vision and create other safety problems. State law also prohibits plowing and tilling in rights of way—including driving lanes, shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections—which can lead to erosion that adversely affects the environment.