



Berm Removal

ABOUT BERM REMOVAL

Each spring, the Muskegon County Road Commission removes the berm that builds up along the edges of roadways. This work helps prevent water from becoming trapped on the traveled road surface, which can lead to damage of the road surface and road bed.

Berm removal operations typically begin in the spring when the ground is thawed out and before excessive vegetation begins to grow.

Berm removal is typically completed under normal traffic conditions; however, motorists may experience brief delays when traveling through active work zones. We appreciate your patience as crews work to protect and maintain our roads.

GRAVEL ROADS AND BERM

Berm removal on gravel roads can sometimes cause concern for residents. During these operations, material from the road edges is reclaimed and reused to rebuild the road crown in the center if it is deemed salvageable and meets standards. While this can appear messy at times, it helps preserve and redistribute gravel, maintaining the quality and longevity of the road.

RIGHT OF WAY

The Muskegon County Road Commission (MCRC) has a 33-foot right of way from the center of the road on both sides. Any objects in this area, such as sprinkler heads, are the property owner's responsibility. MCRC is not responsible for damage to items in the road right of way.

Prior to performing berm removal operations, MCRC sends letters to residents to give them time to move items that are in question of being damaged by this operation.

BERM *noun*

a mound of earth that forms over time on the edge of the road