

## **ARE MUNICIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM INTERSTATE AND HIGHWAY ROAD WEIGHT LIMITS?**

Yes. When used by a town, village or city in the construction or maintenance of a highway, vehicles such as snow plows, tractors, dump trucks and other construction or maintenance equipment are exempt from the weight limits as outlined in 23 V.S.A. §§ 1391-1398. Municipal employees or those under contract with the municipality must perform the highway construction or maintenance work in order to meet the exemption. Those entities under contract with a municipality are exempt from highway weight limits only within the construction area. There are no restrictions on weight limits for municipal or volunteer fire vehicles. 23 V.S.A. § 1399. If you plan to haul gravel from out of state, be sure to check on the laws in that state. Just because a vehicle is exempt in Vermont doesn't mean it is also exempt out of state.

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