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Temporary Traffic Control Device Inspection and Removal

Washington County staff frequently encounter temporary traffic control devices which remain in the field long after completion of the associated road or utility work. These devices present hazards for pedestrians, vehicles, creating obstacles for County highway maintenance as well as emergency personnel and also being a nuisance for property owners.

Temporary traffic control devices installed via permit in the Washington County Right of Way (ROW) shall be inspected daily to ensure proper placement and shall be removed or turned away from traffic when not in use. A temporary traffic control inspection report is available in the [2018 Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#) (MN MUTCD) Field Manual. In the event Washington County determines that devices have been improperly placed, abandoned, or otherwise posing a hazard or nuisance, the devices may be removed and impounded by County staff with potential fees assessed via the County's ROW ordinance or state statutes. These devices may be recycled at the County's discretion.

Devices shall be removed from the right-of-way no more than 7 days following completion. For projects with idle periods exceeding 7 days, device removal is required until work resumes.

Washington County appreciates your cooperation in this matter by ensuring proper upkeep and timely removal of temporary traffic control devices.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

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