

Frequently Asked Questions - Special Road Use Permits for Heavy Vehicles

What is considered an overweight vehicle?

Vehicles with a gross weight greater than 34,000 pounds or greater than 10,000 pounds per axle operated on Grimes County roads.

How long does a permit last?

An applicant can select from four intervals: 90 days, 180 days, 270 days, and 365 days

What will I need to bring when applying for a permit?

Please bring the following documents (detailed on the application form): 1) A completed application, 2) Fee (check or money order by mail or in-person, or online at CertifiedPayments.net, include proof of payment if paying the fee online), 3) either a Surety Bond or Proof of Commercial Insurance coverage, 4) an exhibit or description of the County Roads to be used.

Do I need to remember to renew the permit?

It is the permit holder's responsibility to keep a valid permit when operating on County Roads.

Do I need to keep the permit in my vehicle?

Yes, the permit issued by Grimes County must be kept in the vehicle and the window sticker issued by Grimes County must be placed in the appropriate location on the windshield.

Is there a fee for the permit?

Yes, there is a permit fee for each permit interval. Please see the application. If an applicant needs a permit mailed there is a separate fee of \$3 per vehicle.

How are trucks weighed?

Grimes County will determine vehicle weight by combining the gross weight of the vehicle (recorded on vehicle registration or manufacturer's specifications) plus the weight shown on the load ticket. If a load ticket can't be provided, Grimes County will reasonably determine the total weight of the vehicle and load.

If I only drive on State Highways in Grimes County, do I need to get a permit?

No, special Road Use Permits are only required if operating on County Roads.

Can I apply and be issued permits by mail or email?

Yes, please mail applications to P.O. Box 593, Anderson, Texas, 77830 or email GCPermits@grimescountytexas.gov.

If I have a state permit, do I have to get a County permit?

If a vehicle has a state-issued oversize/overweight permit a Grimes County permit is required and there is no fee.

I drive a heavy truck on a County but many other heavy trucks drive on the road too. Is the County going to charge me for damage to the road?

If a heavy vehicle reports damage to a road, or is found to have caused damage, Grimes County will evaluate the damage and attempt to reach a fair resolution with the vehicle operator that caused the damage. See the next FAQ for more information about large projects or ongoing business or delivery operations.

I'm starting a construction project on a County Road and I need heavy trucks to deliver building materials to the site. Do I need to get a permit?

If a private development project on a County Road causes 10+ heavy truck passes per day and/or lasts longer than 2 weeks, a Special Road Use permit is required. Contact GCPermits@grimescountytexas.gov or review the [Special Road Use Indemnity Agreement and Permit](#) application at the [Road & Bridge department website](#). The same requirement applies for delivery operations or on-going business operations requiring heavy vehicles to use a County Road.

Is there a certain way to drive heavy trucks on County Roads so that they don't damage the road?

Most County Roads are made of 4-6 inches of flexible limestone base and very few have stabilized subgrade or paving. Please drive the speed limit and plan to stop in advance. Rapid braking over short distance creates washboarding. County road intersections may not have an adequate turn radius for a large truck to stay in standard traffic lanes. Plan for wide turns to avoid wheels damaging the shoulder area or edges of the road. Let other vehicles at the intersection turn first wherever possible.

My business has 40 trucks. Can I get one permit to cover them all?

Each truck must obtain its own permit. The permit must be kept in the vehicle.

What should I do if I accidentally damage the road with a heavy truck?

Please report damages to GCPermits@grimescountytexas.gov and Grimes County will evaluate the damage.

How will the County renew stickers?

Window stickers will be a different color each year. Stickers issued in 2025 are green.