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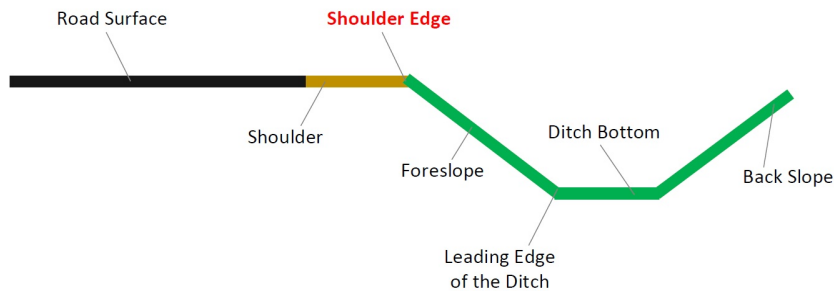
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Road Commission to Begin Second Round of Roadside Mowing

THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

The Van Buren County Road Commission (VBCRC) will begin its second round of roadside mowing on approximately August 3, 2023. The VBCRC uses a subcontractor to perform roadside mowing. Per their contract, mowing will take place along all primary and local roads with the exception of platted roadways in subdivisions. The contractor generally works on a township-by-township basis mowing the right of way as a benefit to the public, and to help keep the VBCRC's highways in reasonable repair.

Mowing of vegetation shall occur in the area beginning at the shoulder edge and for 12 feet, or to the leading edge of the ditch, whichever is less.



Any crops planted in the right-of-way are there at the farmers' risk and no compensation for loss of crops in the right-of-way will be considered pursuant to Road Commission Policy 2022-02.

In short, Road Commission staff and its contractors will be strictly enforcing the Road Commission's statutory right to mow or control brush in the county road right-of-way. Cooperation in keeping the right-of-way free of anything unpermitted by the Road Commission except authorized mailbox mountings is essential.

To review a copy of the Board of County Road Commission's Policy 2022-02, Right-of-Way Mowing, Brush Control & Spraying Policy visit the Road Commission's website at: www.vbcrc.org/vegetationmaintenance. This Policy complies with the standards created by law (MCL 247.665b).

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