

PRESS RELEASE: Travel Advisory

**YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION
YANKTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF
YANKTON COUNTY TOWNSHIPS & TOWNS REPRESENTATIVES
YANKTON COUNTY EMS
YANKTON PD
YANKTON FIRE
LESTERVILLE FIRE
YANKTON SCHOOL
YANKTON COUNTY HIGHWAY**

April 5th, 2019

The public is asked to avoid non-essential travel on all rural roads in Yankton County. Due to the wet conditions and previous damage due to flooding, rural gravel roads are not suitable for travel. Vehicles using these roads are causing considerable damage to the roads, creating conditions which will cause vehicles to become stuck as well as prohibiting emergency response vehicles from reaching residents if necessary. Garbage services, post office and specialized delivery services (such as UPS, FedEx, etc.) will be limited to hard surface roads only.

School buses are also limited to hard surface roads. School districts will notify parents of pick-up/drop-off locations to ensure safety of the children. Schools and Law enforcement agencies want to remind everyone about stopping when amber and/or red lights are flashing on a school bus. Schools will determine pick up locations for safety. Contact them on Monday April 8th to determine your childs' pick up location.

Repair is not possible in these wet conditions since repair equipment will cause additional damage in the effort.

Additionally, due to the wet ground, hard surface county highways are suffering costly damage from vehicle traffic and the public is asked to limit use of these roads to essential travel only.

The public is asked to be mindful of signs marking closed roads but also to be considerate of the unposted and wet and damaged roads and avoid them if possible.

If you need to bring a large load into the county, you need to contact the Yankton County Highway Superintendent or your local Township contact. As a reminder, Yankton County still have road limits on, which are 6 tons per axles and 40 ton gross.

Yankton County Highway – Mike Sedlacek – 260-4473

Contact Person for Townships:

Gayville Townships – Rex Bye

Jamesville Townships – Ordell Munkvold

Marindahl Townships – Zane Williams

Mayfield Townships - Sheldon Engen

Mission Hill Townships - Frank Zavadil

Turkey Valley Townships -

Utica Townships - Robert Cap

Volin Townships – Ray Epp

Phone numbers will be available on the Counties website or the Yankton County Emergency Management website by Monday. The county website is www.co.yankton.sd.us Look for the link for the Emergency Management page.

The road closure map provided by District III will continue to be available for reference for the time being. <http://ims.districtiii.org/closedroads/>

The Map has changed to: Red roads will signify closed roads, Orange will signify gravel roads in which no travel is advised and green roads will be open roads. Use this to help you pick the safest route to your destination.