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DO YOU NEED A PERMIT FOR YOUR SNOWPLOW?

Wisconsin State Statute 348.05(1) states “No person without a permit therefor shall operate on a highway any vehicle having a total width in excess of 8 feet 6 inches, except as otherwise provided in this section”. This law would include snowplows in excess of 8’6” and snowplows with extensions that make their width in excess of 8’6”. A vehicle with a hinged “V” plow in excess of 8’6” may be operated on the highway provided it is operated in its “V” configuration and it is no wider than 8’6” when in this configuration. The exceptions to this law are governmental agencies and any snowplow in excess of 10’6” attached to a motor vehicle normally used for the transportation of milk.

Permits are obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation by calling 1-608-266-7320. Oversize permit application information (MV2614) and the oversize application form (MV2612) can also be obtained from the WISDOT website at www.dot.wi.gov/business/carriers/osowgeneral.htm. Permits must be obtained for each power unit (vehicle) with an oversize plow prior to it being operated on the highway. You can not obtain a blanket permit to cover all the vehicles a company or individual may operate. The minimum period of time you can obtain a permit for is 3 months at \$41.00 per vehicle. A 6-month permit is \$66.00 per vehicle. The applicant must be prepared to specify the effective date for the permit. An owner of a vehicle can apply for a permit before an oversize plow is installed on their vehicle provided the owner has the vehicle registration information for the permit.

Those who are in the business of selling and/or installing vehicle equipment such as snowplows may also want to be aware of another state statute. SS 347.03 states “No person shall sell for highway use any device, appliance, accessory or replacement part the use of which on a motor vehicle is unlawful.” Businesses are encouraged to alert their customers of the oversize permit requirement.

If you have any further questions feel free to call the above DOT number or the Menomonee Falls Police Dept. Traffic Unit.

