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Expressway litter removal weeks of July 25, Aug. 1

CHICAGO – As part of an expanded effort to keep roadsides, interchanges, ramps and shoulders clean of trash and debris, the Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that litter removal operations are scheduled to take place along the expressway system in Cook and the collar counties.

The following schedule is for daytime litter removal to take place intermittently during the weeks of July 25 and Aug. 1. The locations are weather permitting and subject to change:

- **Edens Expressway (Interstate 94)**
 - Kennedy Junction to Clavey Road
- **Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290)**
 - Illinois 83 to Mannheim Road (U.S. 45/12/20)
 - Mannheim Road to Austin Boulevard and Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue (Illinois 43)
- **Interstate 57**
 - Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) to Interstate 80
- **Interstate 80, Interstate 294 to Interstate 355**
 - Harlem Avenue to Kedzie Avenue
- **Interstate 55, I-355 to Reed Road**
 - I-355 to Black Road
 - Black Road to River Road
- **I-55, Harlem Avenue to I-355**
 - Harlem Avenue to County Line Road
 - County Line Road to I-355
- **Dan Ryan Expressway**
 - Congress Parkway to Bishop Ford Freeway (Interstate 94)
- **Bishop Ford**
 - Dolton Avenue to I-80
 - Dolton Avenue to 95th Street

- **I-55 (Stevenson Expressway)**
 - DuSable Lake Shore Drive (U.S. 41) to Harlem Avenue
- **Eisenhower Expressway**
 - Austin Avenue to Ida B. Wells Drive
- **I-80, I-355 to Kendall County Line**
 - Entrance and exit ramps
 - I-355 to Kendall County Line
- **Interstate 90/I-190/I-94**, from west of U.S. 12/46 to Ida B. Wells
 - Canfield Avenue to Manheim Road, and Manheim Road to Kostner Avenue
 - Kostner Avenue to Monroe Avenue and Monroe Avenue to North Avenue
- **Interstate 290**, from Lake Cook Road to Illinois 83
 - Lake Cook Road to Euclid Avenue
 - Euclid Avenue to I-390

Although lane closures will not be required, equipment and workers may be present on the shoulders. Motorists are asked to remain alert, slow down, move over and give maintenance teams space to work – it’s the law.

Similar operations will be taking place on a rotating basis across the region as weather permits and announced in advance.

In addition to dispatching its regular maintenance employees to pick up litter, this year, IDOT is hiring private firms help with the frequency of trash removal and shoulder sweeping operations, while also filling gaps in coverage areas. Priority consideration is given to smaller companies seeking opportunities to participate on state projects and programs through the state’s Small Business Initiative.

While IDOT is committed to maintaining a positive impression of the state by keeping roadsides clean, the public can play a part as well. Remember: Think Before You Throw! Littering is a problem that’s easily controlled and preventable. Use a trash can instead.

Litter is more than just an eyesore – it has real, negative impacts on the environment and communities, while unnecessarily costing taxpayers millions of dollars a year. In 2021, IDOT spent approximately \$41.3 million statewide on picking up litter, sweeping shoulders and removing large debris. That’s the equivalent of resurfacing 21 miles of roadway or purchasing 261 new maintenance trucks that also plow snow in winter.

To view a short video on the impacts of litter in Illinois, click [here](#) or visit IDOT’s [YouTube](#) channel. You also can follow IDOT on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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