



## SPOKANE COUNTY DUST ABATEMENT POLICY 2018

It is the responsibility of the Spokane County Division of Engineering and Roads to provide safe, well-maintained roads to meet the needs of the traveling public. Currently, Spokane County maintains 2,527 miles of road. Of this total, 983 miles of roadway are gravel. These gravel roads must be maintained by grading when conditions warrant.

During summer months, gravel roads can generate a considerable amount of dust that is objectionable to people living next to the road. For this reason, Spokane County allows property owners and residents to contract for the application of County approved dust palliatives on County roads, at the property owner's or resident's expense. All who have dust palliative applied to County roads should be sure their contractor has a current permit with Spokane County for the procedure. Consumers must also consider their own liability involved with hiring a contractor to perform work within the County's public right of way.

The application of dust palliative and all the associated liabilities are the responsibility of the contractor and/or property owner or resident. Any dust palliative placed without prior approval will be considered unauthorized work on Spokane County right of way. The following general rules will apply to dust control permits:

1. Placement of dust palliative on County Roads will be permitted during a limited season, as conditions warrant, for the reduction of dust only. No requests will be accepted for processing after June 30th. The season, including reapplications will end no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. The contractor will notify Spokane County of their intention to apply dust palliative at each individual address by submitting a complete and accurate request for approval to do so. Notification to Spokane County is required for reapplication of dust palliative. Reapplication areas shall be signed according to the requirements of original permits.
3. The contractor will be notified when requested locations are approved for the application (or reapplication) of a dust palliative. It is the applicator's responsibility to apply dust palliative within five straight calendar days of the approval, or sooner if advised to do so, in order to avoid the need to re-grade the road. If the contractor fails to apply the product within the given timeframe the County will not guarantee a quick response to a request for re-grading. If a contractor receives approval and does not apply dust palliative in the required time period, the contractor shall take responsibility for their delay and Spokane County will inform the customer said delay was the responsibility of the contractor.