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### DEBERMING AND SHOULDER MAINTENANCE

**Benton Harbor, Michigan** – The Berrien County Road Department (BCRD) maintenance team plans to conduct deberming or high shoulder maintenance this Spring across various roadside locations.

What is deberming? Deberming is the process to remove any extra dirt, grass, or vegetation that has built up along the shoulder or edge of a roadway. Berms develop slowly over time and can trap water on roads. By deberming and removing this material from the edge of a road it allows better drainage, reduces standing water on roadway surfaces, and decreases the likelihood of sod being displaced during winter plowing operations.

Deberming benefits:

1. **Improved Drainage:** Allows water to get off the roadway which will reduce standing water.
2. **Preserves Road Conditions for Longer:** Eliminating standing water on roadway surfaces reduces pothole formation and other rough roadway conditions from forming as quickly.
3. **Shoulder Maintenance:** Deberming or high shoulder removal addresses sediment build up that can cause other roadway maintenance problems if not addressed.
4. **Improved Safety:** Maintained drainage will decrease hazardous conditions such as standing water or ice formation on roads.

Timeline and progression of work being completed will be subject to weather, equipment, and staff availability. If you have additional questions regarding deberming please contact the Berrien County Road Department at 269-925-1196.

Crews will be working to address the build up of extra dirt and grass along County roads on various 2026 project locations along with areas that are showing symptoms of a high shoulder or berm (standing water, sod displacement following winter plowing operations, etc). The following is a list of deberming locations for 2026, some roads might see deberming that are not listed.

Road Name	Subdivision	Township
Closson Dr.	Closson Acres	Benton
Joyce St.,	Closson Acres	Benton
Lorenzo Ave,	Closson Acres	Benton
Chapelgate Rd	Chapelgate	Bertrand
Chevy Chase Road	Chapelgate	Bertrand
Woodland Ave	Chapelgate	Bertrand
Browning	Glenlord	Lincoln
Guest Dr.	Glenlord No. 2	Lincoln
Hailey Dr.	Glenlord No. 2	Lincoln
Longhorn Tr.	Wyndstone Estates	Lincoln
Wacker Dr.	Wyndstone Estates	Lincoln
Denton	Glenlord	Lincoln
Dreamcatcher Rd.	Wyndstone Estates	Lincoln
Emerson, ect.	Glenlord	Lincoln
Fullerton Rd.	Wyndstone Estates	Lincoln
Joni Ln.	Wyndstone Estates	Lincoln
Kipling Ct.	Glenlord	Lincoln
McCormick Trl.	Wyndstone Estates	Lincoln
Wyndstone Dr.	Wyndstone Estates	Lincoln
Fedde	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
Foster St	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
Groman	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
Lonergan	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
Parkview Dr	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
Spring Rd.	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
Wilton	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
Wunderlich Ave.	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
Yunge Rd.	Oak Hill Springs	New Buffalo
14th Street	Fulkerson Park	Niles
16th Street	Fulkerson Park	Niles
Fairfield Drive	Fulkerson Park	Niles
Northfield Drive	Fulkerson Park	Niles
Westfield Drive	Fulkerson Park	Niles
Hill Point	Country Acres	Oronoko
Lakeland Dr.	Country Acres	Oronoko
Meadowbrook Rd.	Country Acres	Oronoko
Ridgewood Tr.	Country Acres	Oronoko
W. Lakeland	Country Acres	Oronoko
Anne Ln	Rolling Prairie	Royalton
KJ Ct	Rolling Prairie	Royalton
Lauren Ln	Rolling Prairie	Royalton
Rachel Ln	Rolling Prairie	Royalton
Solak Ct	Rolling Prairie	Royalton
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Road Name	Subdivision	Township
Acorn Dr.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
Briarcliff Dr.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
Charles Trail	Vineland Heights	St Joseph
Cranbrook Rd.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
E. Valleyview	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
Easy Street	Vineland Heights	St Joseph
Grandview Ave.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
June Trace	Vineland Heights	St Joseph
Lasein Dr.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
Maple Lane	Vineland Heights	St Joseph
Middlebrook Rd.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
N. Cambridge	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
N. Valleyview	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
Oxford Dr.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
Ravine Ave.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
S. Cambridge	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph
Valleyview Dr.	Hickory Creek Manor	St Joseph

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