



Rules for Placing Temporary Campaign Signs on Public Highways

- **The safety of the traveling public** comes first. Please don't install your signs where they will limit the sight line of anyone trying to pull out of a side road or driveway.
- Campaign signs can be placed in the right-of-way for **up to 6 weeks** from January 1 to June **30 and another 6 weeks** between July 1 and December 31. (Plan to include several days after the election to take them down.)
- Individual signs bearing substantially the same message must be **placed at least 30 feet** from one another.
- Each sign must be **labeled with the owner's name, address, and the date on which the sign was erected**. (You may want to have the contact information printed on your signs.)
- Signs are **also prohibited...**
 - **on traffic control signs** (stop signs, yield signs, warning signs, guide signs, etc.),
 - on all **utility poles and trees**,
 - on **islands within a rotary/roundabout**, and
 - in **medians/islands in the center of the road that are fewer than six feet wide**.
- The **right-of-way on a two-lane road is 33 feet** from the midline of the road. The right-of-way on a road with three or more lanes is 30 feet from the white line on the edge of the road.
- Some **areas are off-limits** to temporary signs. These areas include the Maine interstate system, the Maine Turnpike Authority system, and Route 1 between Bath and Brunswick, including all connecting interchanges and ramps.
- Some sections of state highways have been designated as **"control of access" (C.O.A) roadways** where ingress and egress to and from the highway is prohibited/limited. **No temporary signs can be placed along these roads**. These areas have signage indicating the beginning and ending of a C.O.A.
- **DOT can remove improperly placed signs**. Maintenance crews will safely store the signs until the owner of the sign can be contacted or for 60 days, whichever comes first.
- **Campaign signs within urban compact areas** may be enforced by the municipality's own regulations—check with them.

For more information regarding the placement of political signs, contact DOT Sue Merriman 207-624-3332.

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