

**Manitoba Infrastructure**  
**Supplementary Information**  
**Use of Horticultural Equipment on Roadways**

Effective March 1, 2019, amendments to The Highway Traffic Act created new and updated definition of 'agricultural equipment' replacing the previous definition of 'implement of husbandry'.

Agricultural equipment means a vehicle designed and used primarily in agricultural, horticultural or livestock operations, but excludes:

- any vehicle designed primarily for transporting passengers, cargo or vehicles, other than agricultural equipment on a highway
- a garden tractor, lawnmower or lawn tractor

Manitoba Infrastructure considers larger equipment used for landscaping, mowing and the maintenance of recreational complexes to be agricultural equipment if it has an engine horsepower rating of 25 hp or more. This type of equipment may be operated on a roadway to move it from one job site to another if the following conditions are met:

- a) The driver must hold a class five (5) driver's licence to operate on a roadway.
- b) The equipment must meet the agricultural equipment lighting requirements under the Vehicle Equipment, Inspection and Safety Regulation<sup>1</sup>.
- c) Equipment owners/operators must hold a minimum of \$1,000,000 third party liability insurance if operating on roads.

Smaller equipment, including lawn mowers, lawn tractors and garden tractors cannot legally be driven on a roadway and must be trailered to move them from one job site to another.

Examples of a lawn mower, lawn tractor and garden tractor are provided for clarification on the following page.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/current/pdf-regs.php?reg=31/2019>

Example images of lawn mower, lawn tractor and garden tractor



Lawn Mower



Garden Tractor



Lawn Tractor



Lawn Tractor