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## **MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 2011 DUST ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

The Missoula County Public Works Department invites the public to participate in its 2011 dust abatement program. This program has grown significantly since its inception in 2007 and the County works to supplement the program with resident participation where ever possible. In order to achieve that goal, Missoula County allows residents to purchase dust palliative by adding their quantities to the County's annual purchase that is advertised for bids. Residents are only responsible for the palliative material costs attributable to their individual application: there is no separate charge for application or for the preparation that is completed by the County.

"The County's dust abatement program is our most effective maintenance activity. With a materials budget of \$220,000 and a two week window, we can prevent 80% of the maintenance needs on the County's gravel roads," says County Engineer Erik Dickson. To be included in the program, residents must submit a commitment letter to the Public Works Department by March 11<sup>th</sup> and have paid for the material by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Application of the palliative is scheduled to start on June 6<sup>th</sup> and should take two weeks to complete, depending on weather and contractor availability.

All relevant information and forms may be found by visiting the Public Works Department website at [www.co.missoula.mt.us/road](http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/road), by calling 258-4753 or by visiting the Public Works Department located at 6089 Training Drive (at mile marker 2 on West Broadway, west of the Missoula International Airport).

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