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## **RESIDENTS INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR GRAVEL ROADS DUST-CONTROL PROGRAM**

**Beverly Hills, Mich.** — Oakland County residents living on gravel roads who would like to participate in the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) dust-control program this year, can now submit their applications for the service. Applications must be received by Friday, May 15 (though this date could change based on the coronavirus/COVID-19 situation).

Residents also should check with their township to see if the township participates in the cost of dust control (this could change from year to year, so even if a resident checked with the township last year, they should check again this year).

The program involves RCOC applying mineral-well brine to gravel roads four times during the summer and fall to help control dust. The cost to participate in the program is 45.2 cents per linear foot of road. Residents living on subdivision streets pay for a minimum of 1,000 linear feet of application (\$452 total for four applications).

On “mile-type” gravel roads, orders should be for a minimum of 500 feet with no more than one skipped section (non-participating property).

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To place an order, residents can fill out and submit RCOC's dust-control application. Applications should be mailed in or dropped at the drop-box at the door to RCOC's Paul Van Roekel Service Center in Waterford Township. The drop box is at the main front/Customer Services entrance at the building facing County Center Drive West.

The mailing and drop-box address is: RCOC Dust-Control Program, Paul Van Roekel Service Center, 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford Township, MI 48328. RCOC offices remained closed to the public due to the coronavirus.

To get an application, please call RCOC's Department of Customer Services office toll free at (877) 858-4804 or send an e-mail to [dcsmail@rcoc.org](mailto:dcsmail@rcoc.org).

Some township offices will also accept the applications — residents should check with their township to see if their application should be submitted there or directly to the Road Commission.

Private roads are not included in the dust-control program.

Mineral-well brine is naturally occurring salt water that is pumped from the ground. When applied to gravel roads, the brine draws moisture from the air and ground, and the moisture helps to bind the materials in the road surface, reducing the amount of dust that becomes airborne and providing a better driving surface.

[Instructions and application](http://www.rcocweb.org/339/Gravel-Road-Dust-Control-and-Chloride-Sc) can be found on-line at: <http://www.rcocweb.org/339/Gravel-Road-Dust-Control-and-Chloride-Sc>.

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