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Alabama	Code of Ala. § 32-5-76	No more than \$500	Agricultural products	
Alaska	Alaska Stat. § 46.06.080	No more than \$1,000; court-determined litter pick-up	Salt or sand to secure traction; public agency to clean or maintain highways; transport of agricultural, mining, or timber products	46.06.120 establishes grants for educational and prevention programs
Arizona	A.R.S. § 28-1098	\$250-350 if no injury; \$500-1,000 if injury or death	Sufficient sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction; water or another substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway; minor pieces of agricultural materials such as leaves and stems from agricultural loads	
Arkansas	A.C.A. § 27-35-110 A.C.A. § 27-35-105	\$100 according to A.C.A. § 5-4-201	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway	No passenger-type vehicle shall be operated on any highway with any load carried thereon extending beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of the vehicle nor extending more than six inches (6") beyond the line of the fenders on the right side
California	Cal Veh Code § 23112-23115	\$200-2,000	Hay and straw	Government may collect, by civil action, if necessary, the actual cost of the removal operation in addition to any other damages authorized by law from the person made responsible
Colorado	C.R.S. 42-4-1406,1407	Without causing bodily injury to another person commits a class A traffic infraction (\$35-500); causes bodily injury to another person commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense (\$300 and/or 90 days in prison) *	Motor vehicle in the process of collecting trash or recyclables within a one-mile radius of the motor vehicle's last collection point; operating entirely within a marked construction zone; involved in maintenance of public roads during snow or ice removal operations; or involved in emergency operations when requested by a law enforcement agency or an emergency response authority designated in or pursuant to section 29-22-102, C.R.S.	

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Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-271	\$100+ (according to court infraction/penalty schedule)	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway; vehicles registered as farm motor vehicles or vehicles used for farming purposes	Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction for each offense
Delaware	21 Del. C. § 4371 21 Del. C. § 4501	\$10-100	---	Load shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the foremost part of the vehicle; shall not extend more than 6 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body
District of Columbia	D.C. Code §50-2101	\$500	Loose debris/cargo loaded up to 6 inches below the top of the container	
Florida	Fla. Stat. § 316.520	Noncriminal traffic infraction, as provided in chapter 318 (\$200); offense results in serious bodily injury or death to an individual commits a criminal traffic offense and a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in 775.082 or 775.083 (\$500 and/or 60 days in prison) *	Sand may be dropped only for the purpose of securing traction or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway; agricultural products locally from a harvest site or to or from a farm on roads where the posted speed limit is 65 miles per hour or less and the distance driven on public roads is less than 20 miles	
Georgia	O.C.G.A. § 16-7-43 O.C.G.A. § 40-6-248.1 O.C.G.A. § 40-6-249 O.C.G.A. § 40-6-254	Litter pick-up; misdemeanor offense; up to \$5,000 or up to 12 months in prison *	Spreading of any substance in public road maintenance or construction operations	Georgia Department of Community Affairs brochure
Hawaii	Hawaii Revised Statutes 291C-131	\$250-1,000; suspension of license for 5-30 days (dependent of number of incidents)	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a highway in cleaning or maintaining the highway; vehicles carrying agricultural produce from fields; if the granular load does not extend, at its peak, above container top	
Idaho	Idaho Code § 18-3906 Idaho Code § 49-613	\$67-2,000; up to 6 months in prison *	Vehicles with materials at least 6 inches of freeboard maintained; government or contractors in performance of highway maintenance or construction; vehicles owned by canal companies, irrigation districts, drainage districts performing construction, operation or maintenance of facilities; vehicles transporting unprocessed agricultural products, byproducts, materials or inputs	Any person who drops, or permits to be dropped or thrown, upon any highway any destructive or injurious material shall immediately remove that material or cause it to be removed

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Illinois	625 ILCS § 15-109 730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-55	Class A misdemeanor (\$2,500 and/or up to 12 months in prison); petty offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 *	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway; highway maintenance vehicles engaged in removing snow and ice from the roadway, nor to implements of husbandry or other farm vehicles while transporting agricultural products	
Indiana	Ind. Code Ann. § 9-20-18-4 § 9-20-21-8-48 § 34-28-5-4	Class C infraction (\$500)	Vehicle containing poultry or livestock being transported to market; or a highway maintenance vehicle engaged in spreading sand or deicing chemicals	
Iowa	Iowa Code § 321.460 Iowa Code § 805.8A	\$200	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway; vehicles loaded with hay or stover	
Kansas	K.S.A. § 8-1901 K.S.A. § 8-1906	\$500	Spreading of any substance in highway maintenance or construction operations; hauling livestock if such trailers or semitrailers are properly equipped with a cleanout trap	No passenger-type vehicle shall be operated on any highway with any load carried thereon extending beyond the left side of such vehicle nor extending more than 6 inches beyond the right side; shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle or front bumper
Kentucky	KRS § 189.990 KRS § 189.150	\$20-100	---	
Louisiana	La. R.S. § 32-383	\$500 and/or 6 months in prison *	Sand may be dropped on a highway to secure traction or a liquid substance may be dropped on a highway to clean or maintain such highway; result of an accident or circumstances beyond the control of the operator of the vehicle	
Maine	29-A M.R.S. § 2396	\$150-500	When the load consists of sawdust, shavings or wood chips, and a reasonable effort has been made to completely cover the load, minor amounts blown from the vehicle while in transit do not constitute a violation	If a person accidentally places an injurious substance on a way, that person shall immediately make all reasonable efforts to clear the way of that substance



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Maryland	Md. Transportation Code Ann. § 24-101 through § 24-106.3	\$500	Dropping sand, abrasives, chemicals, or other materials to improve traction; spreading water or other substance to construct, clean or maintain a highway; or dropping asphalt or other materials for highway, bridge, storm drain, or utility construction or repair	Height of any vehicle and its load may not exceed 13 feet 6 inches; a passenger-type vehicle may not be driven on any highway while carrying any load that extends beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of the vehicle, or 6 inches beyond the right side
Massachusetts	Mass. Ann. Laws § Part I, XIV, 81-18 Mass. Ann. Laws § Part I, XIV, 85-136	\$50-200	Dropping of sand for the purpose of securing traction, or the sprinkling of water or other substance on such a way in cleaning or maintaining the same	Limited government liability for certain roadway defects
Michigan	MCL § 257.720	\$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days *	Agricultural or horticultural products, commodities or residue	
Minnesota	Minn. Stat. § 169.81 Minn. Stat. § 169.89	\$300	Agricultural products; highway cleaning or maintenance	State brochure
Mississippi	Miss. Code Ann. § 63-5-55 Miss. Code Ann. § 63-5-7 Miss. Code Ann. § 63-9-11	Misdemeanor; up to \$500 and/or 6 months in prison (dependent of number of incidents) *	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway	The load upon any vehicle shall not extend more than three feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle or the front bumper; no passenger-type vehicle shall be operated on any highway with any load extending beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of such vehicle or extending more than six inches beyond the line of the fenders on the right side
Missouri	R.S.Mo. § 307.010 R.S.Mo. § 560.016	Class C misdemeanor (\$300)	---	
Montana	Mont. Code Anno., § 61-8-370 Mont. Code Anno., § 61-8-711	Not less than \$10 or more than \$500 (dependent of number of incidents)	Commercial motor vehicle that is operating in compliance with state and federal laws and requirements governing the securing of loads; a vehicle transporting processed or unprocessed agricultural products or inputs, including but not limited to fertilizer, manure, and pesticides; a vehicle performing road maintenance; and a vehicle in a marked construction zone	
Nebraska	R.R.S. Neb. § 60-6, 304 R.R.S. Neb. § 28-106	Class IV misdemeanor (up to \$500)	---	



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Nevada	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 484D.850	Court discretion	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway	Regulations providing for minimum requirements for binders to secure loads on vehicles against dangerous displacement and governing the loading and securement of loads for transportation over public highways
New Hampshire	N.H. Stat. TITLE XXI § 266:72	Court discretion (Misdemeanor)	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a way in cleaning or maintaining such way; operation of construction equipment and motor vehicles used in the construction of highways; operation of municipal and state highway maintenance equipment; driving of any vehicle on a way at speeds of less than 30 miles per hour	Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. Any person shall be liable to the state or town for any damage done to the way by spillage
New Jersey	N.J. Stat. § 39:4-77	No more than \$500.00	Material from farm products	
New Mexico	N.M. Stat. § 66-7-401 N.M. Stat. § 66-7-407 N.M. Stat. § 66-8-116	Misdemeanor (\$100)	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway	
New York	NY CLS Vehicle and Traffic Law § 377	Misdemeanor; up to \$750 and/or 30 days in prison (dependent of number of incidents) *	---	
North Carolina	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-116 N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-176	\$100	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled, dumped, or spread on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway	
North Dakota	N.D. Cent. Code § 39-21-44.4	\$20	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway	
Ohio	ORC Ann. § 2929.28 ORC Ann. § 4513.31 ORC Ann. § 4513.99	Misdemeanor (\$150-1,000)	Sand or other substance may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway; agricultural and garbage vehicles	



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Oklahoma	47 Okl. St. § 14-105 47 Okl. St. § 17-101	\$5-500 and/or 6 months in prison (dependent of number of incidents) *	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substances may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway; trucks loaded with livestock, poultry, hay or agricultural products	
Oregon	ORS § 818.300 through 818.410 ORS § 153.019	Class B traffic violation (\$260)	Certain local or private roadways	Owner and driver in violation are jointly and severally liable to the state, county or city for all damage done as a result of the violation; State webpage on load securement
Pennsylvania	75 Pa.C.S. § 4903	\$100-1,000 (dependent on whether violation caused an injury)	Necessary spreading of any substance in highway maintenance or construction operations; shedding or dropping of feathers or other matter from vehicles hauling live or slaughtered animals; vehicles engaged in the systematic collection of garbage or refuse	
Rhode Island	R.I Gen. Laws § 31-25-9 R.I Gen. Laws § 31-25-10 R.I Gen. Laws § 31-41.1-4	\$100-500	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or another substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway	
South Carolina	S.C. Code Ann. § 56-5-4100	Misdemeanor (\$100)	Sand, salt, or other chemicals may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, and water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in the cleaning or maintaining of the roadway	Statute states: “Nothing in this section bars a claim for damages.”
South Dakota	S.D. Codified Laws § 22-6-2 S.D. Codified Laws § 32-15-18	Class 2 misdemeanor (\$500 and/or 30 days in prison) *	---	
Tennessee	Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-111 Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-7-109	Class C misdemeanor (\$50 and/or 30 days in prison) *	Sand or salt that are purposely discharged from truck beds to clear roadways or improve traction, and does not include water sprayed on streets for purposes of sanitation; farm produce going to market; shall not apply to motor vehicles which transport crushed debris	
Texas	Tex. Transp. Code § 725.021	\$25-500	---	

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Utah	Utah Code Ann. § 72-7-409	\$200-500	Vehicle or implement of husbandry carrying an agricultural product; vehicle performing snow removal; necessary spreading of any substance connected with highway maintenance, construction, securing traction, or snow removal	
Vermont	23 V.S.A. § 13-15-1451 23 V.S.A. § 13-15-1454	100+	---	No person shall operate a passenger vehicle with any load carried thereon extending beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of such vehicle nor extending more than six inches beyond the line of the fenders on the right side thereof, nor when any baggage or other object is carried in a way to obscure either number plate or any light on such vehicle
Virginia	Va. Code Ann. § 10.1-1424 Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-111 Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1156	Class 1 misdemeanor (\$2,500 an/or 12 months in prison) *	Sand or any substance for increasing traction during times of snow and ice may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substances may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway; vehicle that is used exclusively for agricultural purposes; equipment while engaged in snow removal	Any person operating a vehicle from which any glass or objects have fallen or escaped which could constitute an obstruction or damage a vehicle or otherwise endanger travel upon a public highway shall immediately cause the highway to be cleaned of all glass or objects and shall pay any costs
Washington	RCW § 9A.20.021 RCW § 46.61.645 RCW § 46.61.655 RCW § 70.93.097	Misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor (up to \$5,000 and/or 1 year in prison) *	Public maintenance vehicle from dropping sand on a highway to enhance traction, or sprinkling water or other substances to clean or maintain a highway	Any person who drops, or permits to be dropped or thrown, upon any highway any material shall immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed State Secure Your Load website
West Virginia	W. Va. Code § 17C-17-6 W. Va. Code § 17C-18-1	Misdemeanor (up to \$500 and/or 6 months in prison, depending on number of offenses) *	Sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway	
Wisconsin	Wis. Stat. § 348.10	\$10-\$200	---	
Wyoming	Wyo. Stat. § 31-5-228 Wyo. Stat. § 31-5-1201	Misdemeanor (up to \$500 and/or 6 months in prison, depending on number of offenses) *	Necessary spreading of any substance in highway maintenance or construction operations	

* Penalty includes potential imprisonment