

Auto-Mileage Tax Chart for Michigan Drivers

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982 (estimated)
Average miles driven	9,777	10,218	10,303	10,760	10,220	9,430	9,500	9,565
Average m.p.g.	15.4	16.7	17.8	19.0	19.1	20.0	22.0	24.0
Fuel used (in gallons)	635	612	579	567	535	472	432	399
Tax paid*	\$57.15	\$55.08	\$52.11	\$51.03	\$50.85	\$51.87	\$47.50	\$43.89

M-DOT expecting tough winter

Highway income is declining, the maintenance work force is reduced, and many forecasters predict one of the coldest winters of the century for much of the nation.

Despite those drawbacks, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is preparing to keep the 9,500-mile state highway system clear for travel through the winter.

MDOT has budgeted \$38.1 million for snow and ice removal and provides a \$6-million contingency for use if storms batter the state the way they did last winter.

Four weekend storms last January cost the state \$8 million to clear the highways. Cities and counties spent millions more.

STATE HIGHWAY maintenance costs in the 1981-82 winter climbed to a record \$407 million, about one-third higher than the previous year.

Any part of the winter budget which might not be used will be spent for

much-needed routine highway maintenance in the spring and summer, said Donald Orne, MDOT's chief maintenance engineer.

The department directly maintains state highways — all the interstate and U.S. and M numbered highways in 21 counties. It contracts the work out to county road commissions in 82 counties and the larger municipalities.

"Because highway revenues continue to decline, our work has been cut 13.7 percent since 1980," Orne said. "We still plan to maintain our 'bare pavement' policy on major highways and freeways, although it will be a tougher job for the people who operate the equipment."

Orne said 34 percent of the state highway system is considered heavily traveled, with average daily traffic volumes of 3,500 or more vehicles.

UNDER MDOT's winter maintenance policy, moderately traveled routes, which make up 37 percent of

the total system, will be plowed during regular workday hours until the center portion is clear. They will be kept passable at all times.

Lesser traveled highways will be plowed until passable. They will remain snow-covered on weekends and holidays until they can be plowed during normal workday hours.

An estimated 1,200 state and county equipment operators using some 900 trucks will be keeping the highways clear this winter.

Approximately 40 percent of the money spent maintaining state highways is for winter maintenance.



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The U-M tax clinics begin on Nov. 18 and 19 with 15 sessions altogether. The seminars will cover such topics as 1982 provisions of the Economic Recovery Tax Act, lump-sum distributions and business use of the home.

MSU tax clinics will concentrate more heavily on tax law for businesses and this year include topics such as bankruptcy and repossessions, farm and urban problems, net operating losses, capital gains and losses. Classes begin Nov. 15 and 16 with 25 sessions.

For registration information contact U of M at 764-5304 and MSU at 617-355-4590.

U-M DATES and Oakland County locations are:

- Nov. 18-19 — Mercy Conference Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.
- Nov. 30-Dec. 1 — Troy Hilton Inn, Maple and Stephenson, Troy.
- Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1-2 — Mercy Conference Center.
- Dec. 7-8 — Troy Hilton Inn.

MSU DATES and Oakland County locations are:

- Nov. 18-19 — Michigan Inn, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield.
- Dec. 6-7 — Michigan Inn.
- Dec. 9-10 — Northfield Hilton Inn, 5500 Crooks at I-75, Troy.
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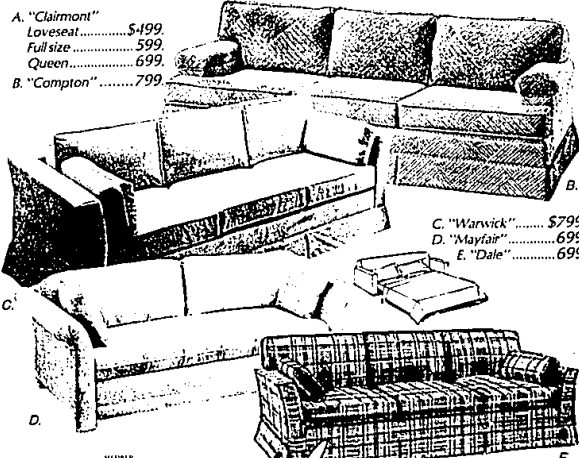
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