

Chain Assistance may be available along the I-70 Corridor when the Colorado Chain Law is in effect.

Assistance may include the sale of chains/chain sets and/or installation or removal of chains for a fee.

Chain Vendors are private entities and are not associated with, nor employed by The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Although a Preferred Vendor (PV), these companies are NOT CONTRACTED and NOT REQUIRED by CDOT to perform these services. They function as independent contractors and each company decides at what chain station(s) services will be provided at and when (while chain law is in effect) those services will be made available.

Vendors may be contacted by calling:

**303-590-5446
970-668-3093
970-389-3915**

A pilot project is taking place in Colorado to allow vendors to sell chains and chain-up services at any one of the 21 chain stations along Interstate 70 between Dotsero (exit 133) and Denver West Boulevard (exit 263) when the Colorado Chain Law is in effect.

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Although not contracted by CDOT, representative from CDOT will frequently be on-site when chain assistance is taking place, inspecting and assuring quality service is being provided and program criteria is followed. PV criteria include:

- Possess and carry complete sets of chains for the most commonly used tires that commercial vehicles use. Minimally, the PV should have adequate supplies to conduct business on sight upon arrival and the subsequent ability to maintain the continual service for an extended period.
- Complete truck chain-up and or chain-down in such a manner as to maximize the potential for driver compliance within the 30-minute per vehicle performance requirement posted at CDOT Chain Stations. Although PV cannot be held responsible for truck dwell time, standard chain assistance services will be completed in 30 minutes or less.
- Agrees not to erect or display advertising signs at CDOT Chain Stations. Agrees to have company name and phone number on at least one door and/or tailgate.

- Set prices for services according to “fair market value”. The PV, not CDOT, will determine the appropriate pricing. To achieve Pilot Project goals of reduced delay and increased safety, CDOT recommends PV provide a premium service at Chain Stations. CDOT recommends PV accept two common forms of payment on site, at least one being a major credit card.
- CDOT recommendation that PV limit sales to new chains and related appurtenances such as bungee cords, gloves and flashlights. Sale of other items such as food, general merchandise, maps, and other items not related to compliance with the Chain Law are discouraged, and may conflict with local, state and federal laws.
- PV, as all vendors, must comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws. All vehicles used to provide services at CDOT chain stations must have flashing yellow warning lights per CRS 42-4-214 and proper tires maintained in accordance with Colorado laws.
- PV vehicles may be parked at CDOT Chain Stations, provided they do not occupy space intended for truck parking. No vehicles, equipment, trailers, materials or trash may be left on site after services.
- PV agree conduct business in a professional manner, and personnel expected to have a complete understanding of Colorado Chain Law.

I-70 Chain Assistance Chain Stations are located at the following mile points:

Eastbound: 133, 178, 183, 184 (shoulder), 187 (shoulder), 195, 203 (scenic area), 205, 219, 228, 241 and 251.

Westbound: 263, 260, 254 (Buffalo Overlook), 228, 223, 221, 219, 213 (brake check area) and 197 (scenic area) and 179.