

**Safety is number one when towing the backhoes!**

**Think safety first!**

When towing the backhoes, keep your general highway speed under 60 miles per hour.

The road conditions will determine the speed, but do not exceed 60 miles per hour.

If you're towing down a narrow county road, gravel road, etc., slow down to a safe speed (50 - 55 mph or slower depending on the road condition).

We are not in that much of a hurry, that 30 minutes or so is going to make a difference by slowing down while towing the backhoes.

MLRA Leaders and Project Leaders will review and use the pre-departure safety checklist on page 15 of the "Towing a Trailer - Being Equipped for Safety" PDF.

MLRA Leaders and Project Leaders will review the safety tips on pages 17, 18 and 19 and maintenance on pages 21 and 22 with your staff.

Once you have finished a pit, loaded the backhoe, and traveled about 30 miles, stop in a protected location and double-check:

- Trailer hitch attachment
- Lights and electrical connections
- Backhoe is securely fastened to the trailer, chains are tight and secure

These items may have loosened during the trip after reloading the backhoe.