

## What is Rubberized Asphalt Cape Seal?

This is a surface treatment applied to urban roads. It is a two-step process consisting of a rubberized asphalt chip seal followed by a slurry seal. Rubberized asphalt consists of regular asphalt mixed with ground up rubber, recycled from used tires. The treatment extends the life of each road by seven to ten years and provides a new sealed surface, at a fraction of the cost of an asphalt overlay.

## Thank You

We realize this work will create some disruption for residents, pedestrians and motorists. When the construction is complete, county roads will be smoother, safer and better preserved. The county thanks you for your cooperation and patience.

## Funding for this Program

100 percent of funding for the rubberized asphalt cape seal program comes from the County Road Fund.



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## Clark County Public Works Rubberized Asphalt Cape Seal

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As Clark County's population continues to grow, the wear and tear on our roads also increases. Clark County Public Works maintains approximately 2,665 lane miles in unincorporated Clark County.

Rubberized asphalt cape sealing is a key part of Clark County's preventive maintenance program to maximize the life of our neighborhood roads. Cities and counties across the U.S. use cape seal as a cost-effective method of pavement preservation.

## **Phase One (street preparation)**

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### **Occurring in the spring months**

County crews will seal cracks in the roads and pave some small areas that have sunk or deteriorated.

Crews also will place door hangers alerting residents who need to prune their vegetation to allow maintenance and construction vehicles to get next to the curb. Residents are responsible for pruning and maintaining their vegetation, including disposing of all debris. All low vegetation should be trimmed so it is behind the curb. Trees that overhang the roadway need to be trimmed to provide 14 feet of vertical clearance from the top of the curb.

If residents do not trim the vegetation, county road crews will cut it back. There will be no charge for this work, but it will not be done to a landscape quality desired by many residents.

## **Phase Two (application)**

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### **Occurring in June, July, & August**

Application is a two-part process. In the first step, a contractor will apply rubberized asphalt to the road followed by a covering of crushed rock. The road is then rolled to press the gravel into the rubber-asphalt mix. During this step, there will be no parking on streets being treated. There may be some short traffic delays, but flaggers will help guide drivers through the construction.

Some loose gravel will remain on the road for several days, so a reduced 20 mph speed limit will remain in effect. Driving slowly will minimize loose gravel being thrown from tires and help compact the road surface. Roads will be swept to reduce loose gravel.

The second step, which typically will be done 1-2 weeks later, will involve the contractor applying a slurry seal to complete the rubberized asphalt cape seal. **This is a one-day process that requires a road closure.** When the seal is applied, the material is brown and sticky. Cars, bicycles, people and pets must stay off the treated surface until it has cured and the street is reopened.

In addition, please refrain from watering your lawn during the road work and remove basketball hoops, recreational vehicles and lawn equipment from the road. After the curing process is completed, barricades and signs will be removed and the road will reopen to traffic.

## **Phase Two Questions and Answers**

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### **Q-How will I be notified of the date my road will be closed?**

Residents will receive 24-48 hour notice via door hangers. Also, signs will be placed along the roadway reminding drivers not to park there.

Because the application of the slurry seal during the second step depends on warm, dry weather, there can be schedule changes. You will be notified of any changes via door hangers.

### **Q-Where can I park?**

Each neighborhood is treated in sections to allow parking and access in and out. Do not park on any street designated as a “No Parking” zone. Your vehicle will be towed at your expense. Please park only on streets that allow legal parking before the rubberized asphalt cape seal application.

### **Q-What time will the work be done?**

Generally beginning at 7 a.m. for both steps. The contractor might not necessarily start on your street at 7 a.m. but will be somewhere nearby and will begin work on your street shortly. It can take most of one day for the slurry seal to cure, depending on weather conditions. We strive to have all roads open by 5 p.m.

### **Q-I have an appointment that I have to go to that day. What can I do?**

We try to ease the burden by treating only a few streets at a time. If you don't plan to leave your home before 7 a.m. on the day your street will be treated and you need to use your vehicle later in the day, please park your vehicle on an adjacent street that is not designated as a “No Parking” zone. You will be able to walk a short distance to your vehicle and drive out of your neighborhood.