

What is Slurry Seal?

Slurry seal is a mixture of fine aggregate and emulsified asphalt that is applied to residential roads. This preventive maintenance extends the life of existing asphalt while sealing it from the harmful effects of water penetration and sun. Slurry seal is a cost-effective treatment that provides a new wearing surface that usually lasts three to seven years.

Slurry seals are typically applied during warm, sunny weather to accelerate the curing process. **The application process requires a one-day road closure.**

Why Slurry Seal?

Each year, Clark County evaluates residential roads to determine the best candidates for slurry seal applications. Through pavement preservation, the county saves a considerable amount of money by reducing the need for more expensive rehabilitation projects.

A slurry seal will significantly extend the life of residential streets, keeping them structurally sound, usable and safe. Closure time to repair deep cracks and potholes also will be reduced or eliminated.

Funding for this Project

All funding for the slurry seal project comes from the county road fund.



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

Slurry 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 slurry seal as a cost-effective method of pavement preservation.

The three phases of Slurry Sealing

Phase One (street preparation)

Occurring in the spring months

During phase one, county crews will seal cracks in the roads and pave some small areas that have sunk or deteriorated beyond the point that slurry alone would help.

Crews also will place door hangers alerting residents who need to prune their vegetation to allow maintenance 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 pruned 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 (street preparation)

Occurring in the late spring months

During phase two, county crews will apply chip seals or chip patches in preparation for the slurry seal application. The purpose of this application is to seal all cracks that are too narrow for the normal crack sealer used by the county. The streets will be swept within a week of this application to remove any loose material.

Phase Three (application)

Occurring in June, July & August

Phase three is when the slurry seal is applied to the prepped roads by a contractor. **This is a one-day process that requires a road closure.** When the slurry seal is first applied, the material is brown and sticky. **Cars, bikes, people and pets must be kept off the slurry seal** until it has cured and the street has reopened.

In addition, please refrain from watering your lawn 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.

A one-day road closure will occur during this final phase.

Phase Three Questions

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

Because the application of the slurry seal depends on warm, sunny weather, it is hard to predict when the weather will cooperate.

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

Phase Three Questions (cont.)

Q-Where can I park?

Each neighborhood is sealed 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 a slurry seal application.

Q-What time will the work be done?

The streets scheduled for the slurry seal will begin to be closed at 7 a.m. The contractor might not necessarily start on your street at 7 a.m. but will be somewhere nearby and will be to 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 closing 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 sealed 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.

Please visit our website, www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/summer-road-preservation, for updated information.