Thank You

We realize chip sealing can create some inconvenience for residents, pedestrians, motorists and businesses. When the work is complete, county roads will be smoother, safer and better-maintained. The county thanks you for your patience and cooperation during this work.

Funding for this Program

100 percent of funding for the chip seal program comes from the County Road Fund.

For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office
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Clark County Public Works Annual Chip Seal Program

For More Information

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Web: www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/roads/summer.html

Si usted necesita esta información en español, por favor llame al (360) 397-2446.

Если Вам нужна эта информация на русском языке, пожалуйста, позвоните по телефону (360) 397-2446.

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As Clark County continues to grow, the wear and tear on our roads also increases. Clark County Public Works is responsible for maintaining 2,665 lane miles of roadway in unincorporated Clark County.

Chip sealing is a key part of Clark County's preservation program to maximize the life of our roads. It is used in cities and counties across the country as a cost-effective method of pavement preservation.

This summer, Public Works crews will refurbish some county roads with a new layer of gravel and emulsified asphalt. This process, called chip sealing, is done annually on various roads throughout the county. 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 a standard asphalt overlay.

Work is scheduled to begin this month and continue throughout the summer. During treatment, roads will be reduced to one lane of traffic. Drivers should expect some delays, but roads can be driven on a few minutes after chip sealing. All lanes will be open to traffic at the end of each work day.

Chip Seal Process

Emulsified asphalt is sprayed onto the road, followed by a layer of crushed rock, creating a chip seal. Some loose gravel will remain on the road for several days, so speed limits of 20 mph will be in effect during that time. Driving slowly will minimize loose gravel being thrown from tires and help compact the road surface. Please remember that fines for speeding are doubled in construction zones.

Crews will return the day after chip sealing to sweep up loose gravel, followed by additional sweepings over the next few weeks. The final step is applying an emulsion and water-based fog seal. This process provides an additional surface seal and better rock retention. It also creates a good contrast for lane striping and other pavement markings

Locations and Notification

All work is dependent on scheduling, weather and other factors. The county sends this flier in advance to homes and businesses along affected streets.

Clark County will update its website and notify local media of summer road work.

Advantages to Chip Sealing

- Small cracks and distresses lead to bigger problems. A new seal prevents water saturation and extends road life.

- Vehicles can drive on roads only a few minutes after chip sealing.

- Chip seals are a proactive and cost-efficient preservation process used nationwide.

Please visit our website, www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/roads/summer.html for updated information.