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.

**Trimming roadside vegetation**

This sketch shows how residents need to trim trees and other vegetation so construction vehicles can get next to the curb.

Trees and other vegetation overhanging the road need to be pruned to provide 14 feet of vertical clearance from the top of the curb. Bushes, shrubs and other low vegetation also need to be trimmed so they don't hang into the street.

If residents do not trim overhanging vegetation, road crews will cut it at no charge. However, this work will not be done to the landscape quality desired by many residents.

*For this reason, residents are urged to trim their vegetation.*

**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 10 years, at a fraction of the cost of an asphalt overlay.

**For more information**

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Phase One (street preparation)
Spring months

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

Residents will need to trim vegetation next to the curb and overhanging the street. Please see the opposite side of this brochure for important information on trimming vegetation.

Phase Two (application)
June, July and August

Application is a two-part process. Please refrain from washing your vehicle or watering your lawn and other vegetation immediately before, during and after both steps. Also, remove basketball hoops, recreational vehicles and other items from the street and sidewalk.

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 remove some 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.

After the curing process is completed, barricades and signs will be removed and the road will reopen to traffic.

Phase Two questions and answers

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.

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.

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