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.

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.

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The three phases of Slurry Sealing

Phase One (street preparation)
Occurring in the spring months
During phase one, road 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.

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 (street preparation)
Occurring in the late spring months
During phase two, road 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.

Phase Three (cont.)
Please refrain from washing your vehicle or watering your lawn and other vegetation immediately before, during and after slurry seal application. Also, remove basketball hoops, recreational vehicles and other items from the street and sidewalk.

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.

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.

Phase Three Questions (cont.)
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.

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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