



Slurry Seal Pavement Preventative Maintenance FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Slurry Seal?

Slurry seal is a preventive maintenance which involves applying an emulsified asphalt mixture spread over the existing street surface. It helps protect streets from water penetration, provides a new surface with improved skid-resistance, and extends the life of the roadway. Slurry seal is part of the City's ongoing pavement maintenance program to help seal cracks and preserve the pavement of our streets.

2. How are the streets selected to receive slurry seal treatment?

The streets to be slurry sealed are selected based on the condition of the pavement identified by the City's Pavement Management Program and are grouped into neighborhoods for efficient application.

3. Why does a street with a fairly intact surface get slurry seal instead of a street in a more deteriorated condition?

Slurry seal is a surface treatment that is meant to extend the life of pavement and needs to be applied to a street before it begins to fail with potholes and broken surfaces. Slurry seal is a cost effective way to keep a good street in good shape for a longer period of time. Streets that are in a more deteriorated condition are treated with an asphalt overlay or are reconstructed.

4. How will I be notified if my street will receive slurry seal treatment?

- A letter in English and Spanish is mailed to residents approximately six months prior to the start of the slurry seal treatment.
- Once the project is awarded a second letter in English and Spanish is mailed to residents approximately three to four weeks prior to the start of the process indicating the daily slurry seal application dates, locations and contact information for the contractor and City staff.
- Three days prior to the slurry seal application, City personnel will knock on the door of each affected residence and distribute a flyer with information about parking restrictions and dates. If residents are not home, staff will leave the flyer on the door.

5. How long will the application process take?

The day of slurry placement on a street, access to business, homes and parking will be restricted from 7:00 a.m. and re-opened by 5:00 p.m. In the weeks following the application of slurry seal, you will see City personnel installing new street markings on the street surface.

6. Will mail delivery continue during the slurry seal process?

Yes, mail delivery will continue uninterrupted during slurry seal.

7. Will trash pick-up continue during the slurry seal process?

Yes, when slurry application and waste pickup occur on the same day, Recology will pick-up bins early and City or contractor staff will move the bins out of the road prior to slurry application. It is recommended you place your bins on the street the night prior to pick-up.

8. What if my street is scheduled for slurry seal application and I need my car for an appointment midday?

If you will need your car during the day your street is being slurry sealed, plan ahead and park your car in a nearby location, not within a project area, the night prior to the slurry seal application.

9. Where do I park when slurry seal is being applied to my street?

City personnel will be on-hand to help with traffic control and respond to residents' questions. They have maps indicating the order the streets will be completed and maps to show you where you can park your car outside of the project area.

10. What happens if a vehicle is left on the road on the day of slurry seal application?

No Parking signs are posted 72-hours in advance of treatment along the street with the slurry seal application date. On the day the street is to be slurried, access will be restricted from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. City personnel will try to locate the owner of a vehicle left on the street on the day of application, however if the owner cannot be located THE VEHICLE WILL BE TOWED.

11. When can I walk or drive on the street after slurry seal application?

It is vital for everyone's safety that you DO NOT drive, walk (including your pets) or bicycle on newly applied slurry until the streets have been re-opened by City staff, typically by 5:00 p.m.

Additional slurry seal information can be found at <https://srcity.org/778/Slurry-Seal>