



ANNUAL SEALCOAT PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why does Hastings choose to seal coat?

A: Seal coating is a necessary maintenance procedure that lengthens the life of the street. Over time, a bituminous roadway surface begins to dry out. A properly installed seal coat will rejuvenate and protect the roadway surface from premature surface cracking.

Q: How long will it take to seal coat my street?

A: Individual streets take approximately two hours to complete the seal coating process.

Q: Can I drive on the road once the rock is installed?

A: Yes, the roadway is ready to drive on once the rock is installed over the top of the asphalt emulsion material. However, special care should be taken within the first 24 hours. Fast stops, starts, and sharp turning can mar the fresh seal coat. Therefore, slow, conservative driving over the first few days will toughen and smooth the new surface. Your cooperation and observance will directly add to the quality of the work.

Q: How long will it take for the excess aggregate to be swept off the street?

A: The City will begin to sweep the project area beginning the first working day after the seal coating project begins. So, your individual street will be swept anywhere from one day to one week after the seal coat is applied.

Q: Do property owners pay an assessment fee?

A: No. The seal coating costs are part of the street maintenance funding.

Q: I have to get to work at noon. Will the street be drivable at 11:52AM when I normally leave my house?

A: Unfortunately, a lot of factors play in to when a contractor will be at your particular street section. To be safe, it is highly recommended to park your vehicle on a nearby adjacent road, not within the project area.

Q: I have an automatic sprinkler system. Can I still water my lawn?

A: The adage "oil and water don't mix" pertains to seal coating as well. The oil and rock does not adhere as well to wet pavement. Therefore, please adjust the sprinkling schedule accordingly.