

SLURRY SEAL AREAS



Rancho Santa Margarita's Slurry Seal Program

The Slurry Seal Program provides on-going preservation treatment to asphalt paved roadways throughout the City. The Program schedules each public street to be slurry sealed every few years. This low cost treatment consists of a mixture of liquid asphalt and sand, which is spread on the existing surface. This treatment is effective in sealing small cracks in the pavement and slowing down the deterioration of your streets caused by factors such as weather, moisture, traffic, and utility repairs. It is one of the most versatile and cost-effective methods of maintaining and protecting roadways.

The streets in your neighborhood to be slurry sealed are highlighted in the exhibit in this brochure.

Also, please see the guidelines in this brochure and traffic signage to help ensure a successful project.

For more information, please call the City's Public Works Engineering Division at 949.635.1800 x6506.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



STREET SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM

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WHAT TO EXPECT

As with any street construction project, slurry sealing causes public inconveniences such as traffic restrictions, street closures, construction noise, and loose gravel on the streets. In addition, slurry seals need time to stabilize and have the potential to "scuff up" (see photo example to the right), creating aesthetic concerns on the part of residents. **However, these scuff marks do fade considerably over time, and, except in severe cases, do not impact the main purpose of the slurry seal which is to extend the pavement life of City streets.**

These scuff marks are what we call "power steering marks." They are created by vehicles that are turned in place or when the vehicles are stopped or slow moving. Larger vehicle wheels can cause larger power steering marks and are created more easily.

To help minimize these marks, the slurry sealed roads require special attention for at least three months. Although some scuff marks are typical and expected, following these recommendations may reduce the aesthetic damage.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

PLEASE DO:

- READ this brochure carefully and follow the provided instructions.
- AVOID turning your wheel unless the vehicle is moving forward or backwards during the first three months after the project.
- REMOVE all trashcans and vehicles from the road the night before the slurry seal.
- PARK on a nearby open street if you plan on leaving after 8:00 am. Be aware of "No Parking" zones on adjacent streets.
- NOTIFY the City or Contractor if a moving company or other commercial type vehicle is scheduled to come to your house within the next two weeks.

PLEASE DO NOT:

- DO NOT make sharp turns, U-turns, and/or power steering turns. Hard stops and fast accelerations will indent the fresh slurry.
- DO NOT walk or drive on fresh slurry. Prevent cars, bikes, people, and pets from using the road until the barricades are removed.
- DO NOT wash your car or turn on any sprinklers within 48 hours of the slurry application.
- DO NOT schedule or operate commercial type vehicles.

PREVENTABLE POWER-STEERING SCUFF MARKS



*Thank you in advance for
your patience and
cooperation as we work
together to maintain and
improve the streets of RSM.*