

CITY OF PEORIA

309-494-8850

PARKING BAN FOR SEALCOAT WORK



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THIS STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M AND 5:00 P.M. UNTIL AFTER IT HAS BEEN SEALCOATED. VIOLATORS MAY BE TOWED.

Also, if you water your yard do not let the pavement get wet.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT YOUR STREET WILL BE SEALCOATED ON

_____ (OR THE NEXT WORKING DAY)

(Please refer to cable channel 22 for the daily sealcoat schedule)

TO ALL STREET RESIDENTS:

WHAT? Please do not park any vehicles on this street until after it has been sealcoated.

WHY? The sealcoat process takes several days to complete. The street has been patched where needed. Next, the street will be swept and flushed then the actual sealcoat process will begin.

WHAT? It is best if you do not drive on the sealcoat for three hours after it is applied. Please do not make sudden or sharp turns, starts, and stops on the new sealcoat. Please observe a 15-mph speed limit for two weeks following the sealcoat.

WHY? By staying off the new sealcoat immediately after it is applied and modifying your driving habits for two weeks following its application, the oil will have an opportunity to cure and bond with the rock.

Your cooperation and the City's commitment to sweep up the excess rock several times after the sealcoat application will greatly minimize, but not completely eliminate the aggravation of loose rock. In addition, the City will sweep the sealcoated streets as soon as possible after the first winter season.

WHEN? This letter signals the beginning of the voluntary parking prohibition (Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The day of the week printed at the top of page near the City of Peoria logo is the day of the week it is anticipated that the actual sealcoating will begin. The work may be delayed due to weather conditions or equipment break down. If the work is not done on the day noted, it will be completed as soon as possible.

(more information on reverse side)

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Services' office at 494-8850. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

WHY DOES THE CITY OF PEORIA SEALCOAT?

The prevention of potholes on City streets is a primary function of the City's Street Division. While a variety of procedures are used, sealcoating (the application of oil and stone) remains the most cost-effective and successful method of treating a majority of our streets. Using methodologies of the past (permitting traffic on streets immediately after the sealcoat has been applied), it is expected that streets will need another application in three to four years. However, if we can get the cooperation of the citizens and make some changes that create little inconvenience, the life of the sealcoat (and, therefore, the inconvenience of the procedure) can be extended by one to two years.

While seal coating is very cost-effective, it is sometimes unpopular because of side effects that are a result of the City's attempt to cause the least amount of inconvenience to the driving public. If at all possible, please refrain from driving on streets for a three-hour period after the seal coat is applied; please restrict the speed limit to 15 miles per hour for two weeks after the application. The City will sweep up loose rock, within five or seven days and several times over the course of the construction season.

One key element to the coordination of this effort is communication with the affected homeowners. The City will continue to notify homeowners by passing out letters announcing the sealcoat schedule.

The restricting of vehicles immediately after sealcoating, the adherence to the restricted speed limit, the increased frequency of street sweeping, and the improved communication will provide an end product that is both cost effective and attractive to the neighborhood.

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WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE TO ENSURE A QUALITY SEALCOAT?

The City requests all street residents refrain from utilizing outside watering systems on the day sealcoating is scheduled. This voluntary restriction will ensure that the oil and rock have ideal conditions for bonding to the existing surface and greatly reduce the amount of loose rock, thereby lessening the inconvenience to residents.