

ASPHALT

Reclaiming is the process of grinding and re-laying the road base before a paved surface is applied. Reclaiming prior to laying asphalt makes a stronger road base so that a thinner layer of asphalt is needed to make a solid road. Using less asphalt means more miles can be surfaced for the same price. After the reclaiming machine grinds the roadbed, additional rock is incorporated to make the roadbed thicker. Roads with a strong base will not be reclaimed prior to being paved with asphalt.

Asphalt is mixture of tar, rock and sand that is heated and applied to the road at varying depths. When the asphalt cools, it makes a smooth, highly durable road surface. While asphalt is considerably stronger than chip seal, it also costs five to six times more.

If possible, please avoid roads when asphalt is being laid. Less traffic on the road is better for the new road surface and allows the road construction crews to work safely and efficiently.