

RECLAIM AND CHIP SEAL

Reclaiming is the process of grinding and re-laying the road base before a paved surface is applied. Reclaiming makes a stronger road base so that the road surface is more durable and will hold up under heavier traffic loads for a longer time. After the reclaiming machine grinds the roadbed, additional rock is incorporated and rolled in to make the roadbed thicker.

Chip seal is a process that creates a durable road surface for less cost than an asphalt surface. To chip seal a roadway, a coat of primer oil is applied and allowed to harden. During this time, vehicles should avoid the roadway if possible. If you must drive on a primed road, please drive very slowly (under 5 mph.)

Next, a coat of sealer oil is applied and rock chips are added and rolled into the road surface. The result is a hard, smooth road that is mostly oil free. In hot weather the oil may rise to the surface or "bleed." If this occurs, rock dust may be added as a blotter.

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