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MISSOULA'S ANNUAL CHIP SEAL PROGRAM BEGINS

City continues 23 years of proactive street program

Expect to see City of Missoula Street Division crews out applying oil and chips to Missoula streets beginning Monday, July 16.

It's the start of the City's annual Chip Seal Street Maintenance Program. Each year, about 100 blocks of street surface get the sealing treatment using the chip seal method. The combination of oil and chip – clean, crushed stone of a uniform size -- seals the asphalt surface from weather erosion and extends the life of the pavement in the same way as painting a home. This helps prevent the development of potholes. Sealing streets delays reconstruction and saves dollars and disruption for Missoula's residents, as sealed streets hold up better in Missoula's fickle winter weather.

The City initiated the annual program in 1987. In the 23 years of this street-sealing maintenance program, City crews have sealed a majority of the streets, many of them multiple times.

Residents can help the chip seal process go smoothly. Please do not run sprinklers in the street the day before or the day of chip sealing; streets must be dry. Drive slowly the first two days and refrain from making sharp turns. Park away from the street being chip sealed. Cars will be towed, usually to within one block. Do not walk in the chip seal material, or remove shoes if you do. It will not come out of carpets.

Crews will work Mondays through Thursdays 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The chip seal project is expected to finish around Aug 2. The loose “chip” rock will be left on the street for an additional two to three weeks until street sweepers can clean up the chips. For the next year, the treated street will have a rough surface due to the rock chips and will also have some loose chip rock, which will eventually be cleaned up. The streets benefiting from this year’s chip seal surfacing are listed below in a tentative order in which they will be completed. Weather and/or workload could change the scheduling.

Jordan Court	All
Geraldine Court	All
Victor Court	All
Victor Place	All
Brusett Drive	All
Coburg Lane	All
Hobson Lane	All
Avon Lane	All
Bigfork Road	All
Lower Miller Creek Road	Miller Creek Road to Victor Court
McDonald Avenue	Clark Street to Reserve Street
Dixon Avenue	Clark Street to Reserve Street
Ernest Avenue	Bitterroot Trail to Clark Street
Harve Avenue	Eaton Street to Clark Street
Agnes Avenue	Bitterroot Trail to Clark Street
Mary Avenue	Bitterroot Trail to Clark Street
Benton Avenue	Schilling Street to Eaton Street
Fairview Avenue	Schilling Street to Eaton Street
Dearborn Avenue	Schilling Street to Eaton Street
Schilling Street	South Avenue West to Benton Avenue
Eaton Street	South Avenue West to Harve Avenue
Clark Street	Benton Avenue to McDonald Avenue
Johnson Street	South 14th Street West to South Third Street West
Mount Avenue	Stephens Avenue to Russell Street
Arthur Avenue	Madison Street Bridge to South Sixth Street West
Maurice Avenue	Madison Street Bridge to South Sixth Street East
South Fifth Street East	Arthur Avenue to South Higgins Avenue
South Sixth Street East	Maurice Avenue to South Higgins Avenue
Mullan Road	West Broadway to North Reserve Street
South Third Street West	South Higgins Avenue to Myrtle Street

Highland Drive	All
Village Place	All
Parkside Lane	All
Skyline Drive	All
Valley Drive	All
Sycamore Avenue	All
Dickinson Street	All
Redwood Street	All
Linden Street	All
Woodland Avenue	All
Duncan Drive	Mountain View Drive to Lolo St
Lolo Street	All
East Broadway	North Easy Street to Van Buren Street

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