



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

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### Road Delays for the week of August 19-23, 2019

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#### Chip Sealing:

Drivers may encounter delays as the 2019 chip sealing operations shift to **roads within the City of Castle Rock on Monday, August 19**. County crews will then resume the remaining scheduled **County roads north of Four Corners in Castle Rock on Tuesday through Thursday, August 20-22**. If the roads have not been completed by Thursday, then updated scheduling will be released next week.

Chip seal is a cost-effective road preservation treatment and is the primary surface type throughout Cowlitz County. Crews place a thin layer of oil, followed by specific rock chips. Chip spreaders ensure an even rock application while a roller packs the rocks into the oil. Within a week crews will return to sweep any excess rock that has not bonded to the oil surface. The treatment is applied approximately every seven years to keep roads in good quality. Flaggers will direct traffic during chip sealing operations.

#### Wren Loop Culvert Replacement Project:

Advanced Excavating Specialists, under contract with Cowlitz County, continues to work on the Wren Loop Culvert Replacement project. Wren Loop has been closed at the creek since flooding washed out the pavement.

Please use caution near construction zones and obey the directions of construction personnel and traffic control devices. Road maintenance and construction projects are weather dependent. Moisture and temperature conditions can slow or postpone operations. Projected schedules are approximate.

Paint striping, chip sealing, overlay paving, culvert replacements and road improvements are scheduled throughout the summer. For up-to-date information please call the Department of Public Works at (360) 577-3030, or visit our website at [www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/publicworks), or the Cowlitz County Department of Public Works Facebook page.

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