

Mill and Overlay FAQ

1) What does “Mill and Overlay” mean?

Mill and Overlay involves grinding up the existing asphalt and base material, removing it, and applying new pavement. The end result will be a much smoother driving surface.

2) Why is Mill and Overlay important?

The major benefits of Mill and Overlay are to reduce surface roughness and address minor deformations, cracking, and irregularities in the pavement surface resulting in a much smoother ride quality. This type of resurfacing treatment prevents the City from having to perform a full street reconstruction, which can be costly and time-consuming.

3) What is the process?

The mill and overlay process is performed in two phases. Phase one, the overlay process takes place. Phase two, the milling process follows. In normal conditions, it is a two-day operation. As always, schedules are projected as accurately as possible but are subject to change due to the nature of maintenance construction and weather.

4) How will this affect traffic and street access?

The street will remain open to traffic; however, access to driveways will not be available when the new pavement is applied in front of the driveway. We encourage drivers to use extra caution while in the work zone. Once the material is applied, rolled and compacted, vehicles may drive (slowly) on the new pavement. Following the street resurfacing work, crews will install pavement markings and striping within two weeks.

5) How will I be notified if mill and overlay is scheduled on my street?

Two notifications are delivered door-to-door to alert residents that crews will be on your street to perform routine street maintenance. The first notice is an “advance notice” that will go out two weeks in advance with a second notice that will be delivered door-to-door, 3-days in advance to remind residents crews will be on your street. There will be “no parking” signs posted along the street, reminding residents not to park within the work-zone between the posted work hours. For a list of upcoming streets, call the resurfacing hotline at 512-974-9787.

6) Why are you working on to my street?

Mill and overlay is needed to preserve the underlying pavement structure and to provide smoother ride quality.

7) Are you going to fix my driveway?

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain and repair the driveway. Mill and Overlay is strictly for pavement maintenance only.

8) Why did you tow my car?

Affected residents will be notified 3-days in advance to remove parked cars. Any car(s) left on the street(s) on the day of the scheduled work **will be towed around the corner** so that scheduled mill and overlay work can be completed.

9) Approximately what time will crews be working on my street?

The crews work during daylight hours from 7:00 AM- 5:00 PM on weekdays. Depending on the type of street, work at night may be necessary from 6:30 PM- 6:30 AM.

10) Can I drive in and out of my driveway?

Yes, during milling and paving operations City crews will assist you. For yours and the City crew's safety, we request that you do not drive while crews are working within close vicinity of your driveway. However, in case of urgent need should you need to get in and out of your driveway, there will be crews to assist you.

11) Will my trash be picked up?

Most of milling and paving work is scheduled outside of routine trash pick-up days/schedule with no conflicts with the trash pick-up schedule.

12) Why are we working on weekends?

On some of the City of Austin arterial and collector streets, preventative maintenance work can only be scheduled on weekends. Weekend works ensures minimal traffic impact to residents and businesses. The City will always notify the public before weekend work is scheduled on your street.

13) How long will it take before I can drive on the freshly paved street?

As soon as the job is complete you can drive on the freshly resurfaced street. Do not drive on the fresh pavement until it is rolled over and compacted (approximately 45 minutes).

14) How often does the City of Austin Mill and Overlay a street?

Depending on the street surface, the street should not have to be mill and overlaid again for another 10-15 years.

15) After you pave this, why do you come back and tear it up?

Prior to scheduling paving on any street the City coordinates scheduled work with both city and private utilities. As public right-of-ways are shared by many utilities, there is always a chance of some unforeseen event such as leaking water, wastewater, gas lines, new service request, line ruptures, and such that may effect the street.