

WET PAINT AHEAD

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In case you haven't noticed the Douglas County Road Maintenance Division has been doing their annual painting of county maintained roadways. Notice the yellow sign that says stay back 50 feet? It means what it says. It takes that long for the waterborne paint to dry. If you call the Road Division to complain that you have yellow paint on your car you need to be aware that the Road Division has taken many steps to avoid citizens getting the paint on their cars.

The crash truck that follows the main painting equipment follows at a distance enough to allow the paint to dry. The main painting truck has a very large "WET PAINT AHEAD" sign above it to warn oncoming traffic that there is a wet paint hazard. If you turn onto the paint between the two trucks you will drive over wet paint. You have been warned.

Studies have been done by the manufacturer testing just how long it takes traffic paint to dry. The manufacturer that supplies Douglas County with their traffic paint advises the paint dries in less than one minute. Traffic painting is a mobile process and "does not require additional signage posted on roadways." Please watch out for painting equipment.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET WET PAINT ON YOUR CAR: As soon as possible get your car to the car wash and use the high pressure spray washer. If the high pressure spray washer does not remove the paint, allow the water to dry off the vehicle., then spray the paint residue with WD-40 and allow the WD-40 to stay on the area for 1-2 hours then rewash the vehicle. The WD-40 will soften the traffic paint without hurting the vehicles finish. If necessary repeat the procedure.

For heavy accumulations or paint that has dried for several days, apply a liberal coating of Vaseline petroleum jelly to the dried traffic paint and allow to stay on overnight. Take vehicle to a pressure car wash and wash. This should remove most of the traffic paint, if necessary repeat the procedure.

DO NOT SCRUB THE FINISH WITH A SOLVENT OR SCOURING CLEANSER!!! THIS WILL DAMAGE THE FINISH.

After cleaning the paint away apply a good wax to the vehicles finish. Waxing should remove any lasting signs of the traffic paint.

Wheels are very difficult to remove the paint from since they are normally a flat finish. Apply a liberal coat of Vaseline to the area and leave for several days and then pressure wash. Applying alcohol such as Solox or Rubbing Alcohol to the area in the wheel well will help to soften any residue left after the Vaseline. Again **DO NOT SCRUB!** Just apply with a very wet cloth or sponge. These are the manufacturer recommended tips for removing paint.