



*2021 Town of Westport Road Improvements
Weekly Update for the Week of August 2nd*

Phase 1

The asphalt paving for the Phase 1 road improvements is complete. The contractors will be shouldering the road and restoring the disturbed lawn areas. We ask that you please water the lawn areas periodically and we have attached a Lawn Care Tips sheet for additional guidance.

Phase 1 temporary mailbox stations have been discontinued and the USPS should now be delivering mail to your permanent mailboxes.

Phase 2

The phase 2 road improvement work is scheduled to begin on **August 3rd** with the removal of the existing asphalt surface. They will begin rebuilding the roadway base (gravel) starting on Riveredge Road at Mary Lake Park and continuing toward Maria Way and Sunset Trail.

The roadway will remain open to vehicular travel throughout the project. However, vehicles may encounter lane restrictions and possible brief delays during the construction. The Contractor will make every effort to provide access to private driveways for residential driveways during the project and at the end of each day. However, there may be short periods of time when vehicle access to your property may not be possible. For the safety of the workers, we ask that you please be aware of the construction equipment and workers and limit the use of the road during construction hours from 7am – 7pm.

In preparation for the construction, we ask that any landscaping or private underground utilities (such as an invisible dog fence, lawn sprinkling systems, special topsoil’s, decorative fencing, etc.) that may be located within the construction area or immediately adjacent to the existing road, be removed and salvaged by the property owners. If you are not sure if they will interfere with the construction, please contact us.

In order to ensure regular U.S. Mail deliveries, the Postmaster has instructed the contractor to install temporary mailbox stations. The Mailbox Stations for Phase 2 are shown on the attached Map. Deliveries to the temporary mailbox stations for the **Phase 2 work will begin on August 3rd** (or when the surface removal begins). Please watch for additional information to be posted on the mailbox station and in the weekly updates.

We do not anticipate any disruption of weekly refuse pick-up. Please put your trash and recycle receptacles out at the edge of the road and the contractors will assist with pick-up.

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We appreciate your patience and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Restored Lawn Care Tips



As you know, due to the recent construction adjacent to your property, portions of your lawn may have been recently restored with grass seed, fertilizer, and mulch. Please note that much of the final outcome of your lawn's development will be left up to you. The following are a few helpful tips in order to get the most out of your newly seeded lawn.

WATERING

In order to ensure your lawn has a good start, it should be watered at least once daily. This will provide the moisture your seed needs to germinate. Only the top inch of soil should be moistened when watering to begin with.

Once your lawn is established you should water more thoroughly and less often. This will encourage a larger and deeper root system to develop.

MOWING

Depending on the weather, your seed should sprout anywhere from 5 days to three weeks. Do NOT disturb the grass until it reaches at least four inches tall.

When the time is right, you should mow your lawn at about a 2-inch height. Please do not mow too short because the grass will often become weak and sparse which will lead to the takeover of weeds. If erosion control matting is used there is no need to pull it out since it will decompose over time.

RESEEDING

Reseeding may need to take place in areas containing bare spots or thin spots. If you prefer to do the reseeding use an iron rake, lightly scratch up the surface and apply the seed.

WEED CONTROL

In the first season of lawn development it is common for weeds to exist along with your grass. Most of these weeds are annuals and will be gone by the next growing season. If they continue to persist, an application of broad leaf weed killer could be used after the lawn has been mowed a minimum of three times. However, the easiest way to fight weed problems is to maintain a thick healthy lawn by means of fertilizer and water.

USPS TEMPORARY MAILBOX STATION LOCATIONS

