

## A BRIEF GUIDE TO

# Asphalt Maintenance Care & FAQ's



### HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR NEW INVESTMENT

To preserve your new driveway, it is advisable to sealcoat it after it has been paved. Sealing too soon however, may cause damage to your new drive. The best time to seal is 6-12 months after it has been paved, and every 4-5 years thereafter. We recommend your driveway go through an entire summer season before sealing, after it's been paved. Because asphalt is naturally porous, water can seep into and through paving. This not only causes deterioration, but results in ridges and upheaval due to frost and freezing. Asphalt is also softened and broken up by gasoline, lube oil, grease, road salts and anti-freeze which drips from cars. Sealer protects new asphalt with a coating that is impervious to these harmful elements. **With older asphalt driveways, sealer is mostly a cosmetic procedure. This will NOT fix every little thing, nor will your driveway look brand new. There is only so much sealcoating can do.**

### DRYING/CURING TIME

We ask that you please allow at least 48 hours of drying time and out of those 48 hours, 12 hours be in the sunlight. Drying time may vary from day to day, so we ask that you use your best judgement... **IF IT LOOKS WET, IT IS WET.** You may walk on your driveway as soon as it looks dry.

Please keep cars off the sealer for 2 days. Very shady areas, may take even longer. Also, allow for longer drying times if it is humid out.

### SPRINKLERS

Please make sure your sprinkler system is **turned OFF 24 hours priors to sealing and 48 hours after sealing.** This will wash away the sealer.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

When you begin using your driveway after sealing, you will notice for the first few weeks to a month, that it appears to be marking from the wheels of your car; this is to be expected. What's happening is that the sand in our sealant mix is loosening at the very top of the coating. This will go away and clean up with time. A little rain will help this as well.

NOTE: We ask that you do not do any extreme wheel turning for the few weeks after the sealer has been applied. Try not to turn your wheels in one place when not moving. This can result in what we call power steering marks. Try to keep this in mind for the first few weeks.

### EDGES

You may notice a little difference where we had to hand-edge around such

things as your house, fence or walkways. This is necessary to avoid getting any of the sealer on your property.

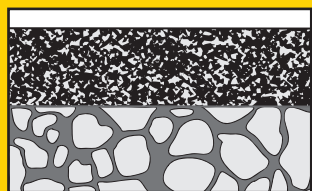
### CRACKS

We may have filled cracks on your driveway before applying the sealer. The material used is hot pour rubberized crack sealer. This crack filler may NOT be smooth or flush to the asphalt, and may sink a bit due to the make-up of the rubberized material. This is normal. In some instances, the sealer can come off this rubber because it is not as solid as asphalt. The rubber is there to protect asphalt. If cracks are LESS than 1/4" wide, we can NOT fill them with crack filler. They are too small to do so and therefore you may still notice them. Sealcoating will not necessarily fill them in.

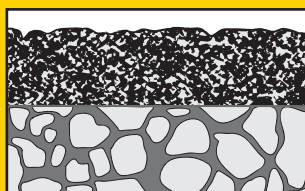
### OIL STAINS

You may have had some oil stains that we treated... if they were severe they may continue to be a problem. Because oil can penetrate deep into your asphalt, it may be impossible to correct without actually repaving these area. We treat these areas with the best materials available to us, and they work quite well, but they do have limits.

### HOW SEALER PROTECTS YOUR ASPHALT



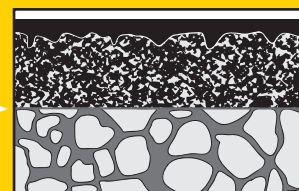
Fresh asphalt is flexible, and water resistant.



Over time it becomes brittle and begins to break down



Cracks form allowing moisture to penetrate into the base



Sealcoating protects the asphalt and slows this natural process