

Driveways

Academy Sealers - (703) 723-9725. I have a very long driveway with about 3800 square feet of asphalt that has been in excellent shape after having been repaved about 6 years ago. Figuring that it is about time for resealing to keep it that way, I solicited bids from the contractor who did the repaving and from two rated highly by Consumer Checkbook readers. I chose Academy Sealers, which came in with the low bid (\$675) which was 75% of the next highest bid. They showed up as scheduled. Some difficulty communicating with the Spanish-speaking foreman, but they did a pristine job. Your e-mail correspondence with them will constitute your contract - so ask all of the questions you would like to have in a contract. You will not get a written contract but, instead, e-mail stating the terms are as per the emails. With this administrative shortcoming, I still highly recommend them for quality of work and price. Paul Krumhaus, 8509 Sugar Bush Ct.

Update on Academy Sealers (September 2017): We used them to reseal our 220 ft long driveway about a year ago and had a problem with the way they dealt with cracks. Their advertising says that they "treat cracks". That means that they squeegee a liquid slurry into the crack which, when it dries, basically disappears. The crack looks about the same as it did before treatment. So if you are looking for them to fill cracks, look elsewhere. The seal job, less dealing with cracks, was fine. Cracks probably require a hot seal process, filling them with melted asphalt or similar. Paul Krumhaus, 8509 Sugarbush Ct

ASAP Paving - (540) 364-7358. This past summer, we needed to get our crumbling 3800 sf. **asphalt driveway repaved**. I went to the phone book and contacted four companies for estimates. We finally settled on ASAP Paving which was second from low bidder (and a week after we got the estimate, we got a call from ASAP offering a further price reduction). We hired them and were delighted with the work. They ripped out an alligatored section and then put a 2 1/2 inch coat of asphalt over the whole driveway. Prep was great - cleaned the old driveway off very well and the end product was wonderful. Take a look if you'd like (8509 Sugarbush). Can't guarantee they will do a great job for you but they did for us. Paul Krumhaus