

Your Estimate

This info sheet explains how we protect your investment by completing your project with the best processes, materials and options in the concrete business...



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Important Information >>>

Midwest Craftmanship

All work will be completed in a professional manner in accordance with Michigan Concrete Association guidelines.

Unforeseen Costs

Changes in cost due to unforeseen circumstances will be communicated to customer at the time they are discovered.

Signing Your Contract

Please call the office and/or talk to Sam if you have any questions about your estimate, work or the cost of your project. We want you to have a sound understanding before you sign your contract. We will keep you updated as your project is completed.

Gravel base, wire mesh, curing compound and penetrating sealer increases the longevity of your concrete project.

Protect your investment

Understand your project from start to finish

Step One: Tear out

We begin our projects by tearing out your existing 4" or 6" thick concrete. If your existing concrete is thicker than the customary 4" or 6" an additional charge will be added for the labor and machinery needed to remove it.

Step Two: Gravel Base/Unforeseen

After tearing out your existing concrete, we can determine what fill was used and what it was placed on (ex: clay or organic material). In order to properly guarantee our work, we remove all existing fill material and replace it with compacted 21AA crushed concrete or gravel base. We do not use sand for outside projects, however sand may be used for inside projects when appropriate. Customer is responsible for materials (extra gravel/sand) and labor as needed. This may be shown as "unforeseen cost" on your estimate.

Step Three: Replace and/or Install
Our team will build and set forms and then pour 4" or 6" concrete 4000 PSI, 6 sacks reinforced with fiber mesh.

Step 4: Wire Mesh

Our concrete is already reinforced with fiber mesh, however on certain occasions we may recommend that you also install wire mesh specifically. Wire mesh is always available as an option for your concrete project (except in 6" public walkways and sidewalks).

Step 5: Finish

We apply a broom finish. At the appropriate time we saw and cut all control joints. When the concrete is set we remove the forms and clean the worksite.

Step 6: Curing Compound

The State of Michigan recommends that curing compound be applied the day of installation. Curing compound provides a premium grade membrane that optimizes water retention. The white pigment reflects the sun keeping the concrete surface cool and preventing heat build-up. This is optional and will be included as a separate charge on your estimate.

Caring for your concrete...

- Do not drive on the new concrete for at least 7 days.
- Do not allow water to drain beneath the slab. Settlement cracks may develop.
- Do not apply de-icing chemicals (salt) for snow and ice removal the first winter. As an alternative, sand can be used for traction.
- **WARNING:** Never use de-icers containing ammonium sulfate or ammonium nitrate (i.e. fertilizers). Such products are known to aggressively attack concrete.
- Apply a good quality sealer. Contact your contractor, local Ready-Mix producer or supply store to purchase a concrete sealer.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for sealer application.
- Re-application of the sealer is generally recommended every year.
- For stain removal, do not use harsh acids. Use a product specifically designed for the stain in question and for use on concrete.

