

Do's and Don'ts

Things to know about your newly sealed driveway:

1. It is recommended that a newly sealcoated driveway be allowed to dry for at least 48 hours before *driving* on the driveway and that a newly sealcoated driveway be allowed to dry for at least 24 hours before *walking* on the driveway. Drying time may vary depending on the temperature and weather, so use your best judgment.
Note: Shady areas may take longer to dry.
2. When you first drive on the newly sealcoated driveway, you may notice what appears to be markings from the wheels of your car; this is to be expected. The sand in the driveway sealant mix is loosening at the very top of the coating. These marks will fade and will disappear with time and rainstorms.
3. Power steering scuff marks are caused by making sharp turns or pin wheeling your tires in place. For the first few days try to avoid this by making sure the car is moving before turning. These scuff marks will usually disappear within a week or less and will not harm the integrity of the driveway sealer.
4. Some cracks in your driveway may be filled before the driveway sealer is applied. The filled crack may NOT be smooth or flush to the asphalt and may sink a bit due to the make-up of the crack filling material. You may still notice the cracks under the fresh sealer. Crack filling will not make the crack disappear it only helps to protect the crack from getting worse.
5. Driveway sealcoating will be brush applied, not sprayed. You may notice a little difference in the sealcoat application around such things as your house, fence, or walkways. This is necessary to avoid getting any of the sealer on your property.
6. If you have severe oil stains on your driveway, they may continue to be a problem. These areas will be treated with an oil stain sealant before the driveway sealant is applied. If oil penetration is deep into your asphalt, it may be impossible to correct without actually repaving the area. If the rocks that were used in your original driveway paving have any iron ore in them, after driveway sealcoating, these areas may bleed through the sealcoat and appears as rust spots. These too can only be corrected by repaving.
7. Please avoid washing your vehicle, using tire dressings, degreasers, lawn or pressure washing chemicals on your newly sealed driveway. These chemicals may cause discoloration or dissolve the sealer causing spots. It is best to avoid using these items for at least 2 weeks after your driveway is sealed. It is recommended that you don't use or overspray any degreasers or tire dressings on the driveway as these tend to cause the driveway sealer to turn a blue or gray color.