

SPADONI ASPHALT MAINTENANCE – GIG HARBOR, WA

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General Process Overview

Crack sealing is intended to protect the base material of your driveway, lot, or road from moisture infiltration and erosion. **Sealing cracks in the asphalt involves removing any foreign debris and applying hot tar to cracks ¼” wide or wider with a minimum depth of ¼”.** This process goes very quickly, and pavement can typically be opened back up to traffic almost immediately. The area of work that cannot be driven on is near the truck and crew, which allows the rest of the street or lot to typically remain open.

Hairlines, Alligators, and Edge Seals; Oh my!

Hairline cracks (less than ¼” wide) are treated during full sealcoating and do not warrant separate repair. Crack sealing aims to prevent water from reaching the pavement base, but surface water in fine cracks rarely causes damage. True deterioration occurs when deeper layers are compromised.

Alligator cracking signals that base failure has already occurred. Sealing these areas is costly and ineffective. We strongly recommend replacing the affected asphalt sections to properly address the underlying issue. Heavily cracked/alligator cracking is not included in our crack sealing estimates nor are they covered by our workmanship guarantee. If interested, we’re happy to offer a quote.

Edge sealing is not included in standard crack sealing estimates. Many customers prefer to avoid crack seal on concrete or the added cost. If interested, we’re happy to advise on its necessity and pricing.

Disclosures

- Hot tar is approximately 400 degrees, which can result in burns and/or bodily injury.
- Tar is incompatible with water, so keep work areas clean and dry.
- Weed removal is the responsibility of the customer. We recommend spraying weed killer 30, 14, and 7 days before service. Should we arrive and weeds have not been removed, we will either seal over them (at customer’s request and voiding warranty) or service will be cancelled and a trip charge of \$150 will be invoiced.
- There is no way to know just how deep cracks go. **The material will settle.** We attempt to bring crack seal material as close to grade as possible at the time of material injection. Return trips requested by the client to inject additional material will be billed as a separate service.

Caring For Your Sealed Cracks

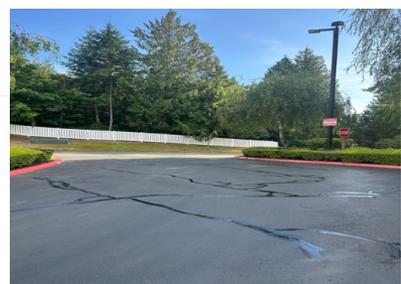
There really isn’t much you need to do. Control weeds and other vegetation in and around your asphalt to prevent it from growing through. Watch for cracks to re-open or new cracks to form. When they reach a minimum of ¼ inch wide and deep, it’s time to look at sealing them. Crack sealing is recommended to be done on an annual basis for optimal results.



Alligator Cracking-needs repairs



Sealable Cracks



Freshly Sealed Cracks