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About Your New Driveway – Do's and Don'ts

1. Please stay off the new pavement for 48 hours.
2. Please do not sit in one spot and turn the power steering on any car or truck. If you do, you may cause power steering marks. These will look unsightly and will cause unnecessary worry. These marks will wear away as the driveway starts to age.
Please Note: Your new asphalt needs to go through one full heat season before there is less risk of this not happening. Our rule of thumb is 18 months before your driveway is fully cured.
3. Do not drive off the edges of your driveway with any car or riding mower. These edges will be cured in 18 months.
4. The sides of your driveway should be backfilled with topsoil; 1" down from the top of the pavement; grass should be seeded up flush with your driveway. If this is not done in a timely manner, the edges that are exposed may start to crack. Topsoil and seed to hold the edges in tight.
5. The asphalt will be left $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch higher than the garage floor. This increase will settle down and they "always do".
6. Water will "bead-up on new asphalt, just like a freshly waxed car. As the driveway cures, this will stop.
7. Sealing: Wait 2 years the first time. Then every 3-5 years after that. Do not seal every year. Doing so, will smother the driveway and form hairline cracking from over-sealing. Please contact the CPA office to schedule your seal coating for your new driveway.
8. The stakes and ribbons at the end of your driveway we left may be thrown away.