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## **Do's and Don'ts Things to know about your newly sealed driveway**

1. We recommend at least 48 hours of drying time before driving on the driveway. Drying time may vary depending on the temperature and weather, so we ask that you use your best judgment. You may walk on your driveway as soon as it looks dry. Note: shady areas may take longer to dry.
2. You will notice that it appears to be marking from the wheels of your car; this is to be expected. The sand in our sealant mix is loosening at the very top of the coating. This will go away and clean up with time.
3. Power steering scuff marks are caused by making sharp turns or pin wheeling your tires in place. Please avoid this by making sure the car is moving before turning. The scuff marks will usually disappear within a week or less and will not harm the integrity of the sealer. If you make sharp turns while your tires are sitting on the hot crack fill it will leave scuff marks or even pull the crack filler from the asphalt.
4. When we provide a spray application of sealer you may notice a little difference where we had to hand-edge around such things as your house, fence, or walkways. This is necessary to avoid getting any of the sealer on your property.
5. If you have severe oil stains, they may continue to be a problem. We treat these areas with the best materials available to us. If oil penetrates deep into your asphalt, it may be impossible to correct without actually repaving these areas.

## 6. HOT CRACK FILLING

We may have filled cracks on your driveway before applying the sealer. The material used is hot rubberized crack sealer. This crack filler may not be smooth or flush to the asphalt and may sink a bit due to the make-up of the rubberized material. (See photos) This material will stay soft and you can see tire marks and foot prints in the material. This is normal. In some instances, the sealer can come off this rubber because it is not as solid as asphalt. The rubber is there to protect your asphalt. ***Crack filling will not make the crack disappear.***



The only way to make the driveway look smooth and have a consistent finish is to pave it with new asphalt. We recommend you don't park directly on the crack filler or turn wheels while sitting on the cracks. The heat and friction from the tires can cause the material to pull out of the cracks along with the sealer.



***Please note: Crack filling is NOT for aesthetic purposes. The purpose of crack filling is to help prevent the crack from getting worse and to help maintain the structural integrity of the asphalt.***



If cracks are LESS than 1/4" wide, we typically don't fill them with crack filler. They are too small to do so and therefore you will still notice them. You will still notice the cracks under the fresh sealer.

## **7. SPIDER WEB TYPE CRACKS**

Spider web type cracks are the cracks that look like a spider web. Spider web cracks consist of many cracks in an area that are interconnecting and spread out in every direction. Hot crack filling is not recommended for these areas. The risk in crack filling these types of cracks with hot crack filler is that it could potentially stick to the tires of the car and cause worse damage. The proper repair for these areas should be saw cut out and replaced with new asphalt.



## **8. CHEMICALS ON DRIVEWAY**

One of the main reasons to sealcoat asphalt is to provide a protective coating on the driveway and prevent harmful chemicals from penetrating into the asphalt. Therefore, we recommend that you avoid washing your vehicle, using tire dressings, degreasers, house hold chemicals, lawn or pressure washing chemicals on your newly sealed driveway. We have found that these chemicals can cause the sealer to turn a blue or gray color. If you do and it causes sealer color to change, we are not responsible. Finally, if you want to extend the look of the nice black look, we recommend no chemicals.



## **9. COLD POUR CRACK FILLING AT THE CONCRETE**

Crack filling the gap where the concrete and asphalt meet is not a standard line item that is included in any of our estimates. If we feel it is necessary to fill this gap, we will recommend this as an itemized description called Cold Pour Crack filling at the Concrete. We don't recommend this gap be filled because this serves as an expansion joint between the structure of the home and the driveway. This will allow for expansion with the change in the seasons. If this is an area that receives a lot of water, then crack filling the gap may need to be completed. If you would like this gap filled and it is not on your estimate, please call or email and we can provide an estimate.