



## **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

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# SEAL COATING **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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## SEAL COATING FAQ

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### **Do I need to clean my driveway?**

No, our crew will blow sweep the driveway prior to paving.

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### **Is my driveway being done by broom or sprayed on?**

Residential driveways are for the most part seal coated with broom and squeegee. Commercial parking lots or large open driveways are sprayed on .

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### **Are cracks being filled?**

That will depend on the agreement you have made. Our expert will look at the driveway and will recommend crack filling if they think it is worth it. In some cases the driveway is already way out of hand with cracks and the cost will be too much and not worth it.

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### **What kind of material do you use?**

We used a water base sealer. Some cities do require us to use the asphalt emulsion: considered eco-friendly or regular coal tar depending on requirements by villages.

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### **What if it rains?**

We do our best to time the weather and seal only in optimal weather. If rain is in the forecast we will not go out. On rare occasions mother nature can play with us and wash away our work. In that case we would go back and touch up or redo the coating. Although, we cannot be responsible for over splashes on siding, garage doors, or foundations.

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### **How long before I can drive on?**

A minimum of 24 hours is recommended, longer in areas that are under shade.

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### **Will you block the driveway?**

Yes, the driveway is blocked after completion with fluorescent or caution tape and two stakes on each end.

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### **Is it safe to walk on it once it dries?**

Yes, once the sealer has dried you can walk on it, on hot summer days, some tar may adhere to the sole of your shoes, we recommend that you take off your shoes to avoid stains on flooring.

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### **What if wild animals walk over it?**

Unfortunately, we cannot control wildlife, in rare cases animals walk over and leave tracks or stain sidewalks and other surfaces. Sealer dries up relatively fast and chances of this scenario are slim, but may still occur.

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### **What about falling leaves?**

During the fall falling leaves are inevitable, when leaves fall they can adhere to the driveway, but as it dries the leaves will loosen come off. We do not offer any services to avoid this with the exception of recommending timing your seal coat before or after the tree drops its leaves.

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### **What about coloring, will it be bright black?**

When applied and wet it looks brownish, as it starts to dry up the color changes to bright shiny black or have a slight blueish hue. On cooler windy temperatures the color might not be as bright and black due to lack of heat to activate and penetrate material as well as summer.

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### **Can I seal my driveway in the late fall?**

You can only if temperatures are consistently in the 50's or higher for a minimum of 6 hours. The time for drying and driving might be longer than 24 hours.

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### **How often should I seal my driveway?**

It is recommended to seal your driveway every other year to avoid layering.

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### **Notes:**

Seal coating is a cosmetic procedure. It helps prolong the life longevity of the driveway. It waterproofs it. It doesn't fill potholes or any low spots retaining water. If the driveway is cracked we recommend crack filling, however if it will not mask the cracks. Crack filling is only intended to prevent water penetration as is not cosmetic.

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