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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Applying salt or chemicals to less than 1 year old concrete will void your warranty.

### HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR CONCRETE DRIVEWAY OR CURB & GUTTER

Concrete residential driveways and curb & gutter enhance the appearance of the home and will provide many years of service with a minimum of maintenance. In order to maintain a durable driveway/curb&gutters that will be relatively free of surface blemishes throughout it's service life, the homeowner should carry out the following recommendations.

- \*\* Do not drive on new concrete for at least 7 days.
- \*\* Do not allow drain water to undermine the slab or curbs, it may cause settlement cracks. Poor drainage permits water or salt to stand on the surface for extended periods of time greatly increases the severity of the exposure and causes scaling. This is often noticed in curb/gutters and sidewalks where the snow from plowing keeps the surface wet for long periods of time. Any salt applications is damaging, even salt carried on cars may cause severe scaling on newly placed driveways and curbs/gutter.
- \*\* Do not allow snow & ice to accumulate on the sidewalk/driveway or curbs during the winter. Especially the first winter after installation.

### IMPORTANT - KEEP IT CLEANED OFF!

Clean off after every snow event. Sand is an alternative to salt.

- \*\* Refrain from the use of de-icing chemicals (salt or calcium chloride) for snow and ice removals. Especially the first year. Sand can be used for traction.

**WARNING** - Never use de-icers containing fertilizer ingredients such as ammonium sulfate and ammonium nitrate. Concrete should also be protected from exposure to liquid fertilizer systems used for lawn treatment.

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**\*\*\*\* APPLY DRIVEWAY SEALER \*\*\*\***

**Recommended every 2 years**

Scaling is one of the most insidious attacks on concrete and can happen even with quality concrete .... yet there are methods of reducing and even preventing this yearly problem.

SEALING CONCRETE EVERY 2 YEARS WILL REDUCE OR STOP SCALING

UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT YOUR NEW CURB & GUTTER AND DRIVEWAY APRONS WILL BE CURED AND SEALED WITH WHITE LINSEED.

You will not need to reseal for 2 years after installation during this 2010 work season.

**NOTICE FOR FUTURE PREVENTION:**

Scaling of sidewalks, driveways, curb & gutters and any other flatwork can be minimized. It is especially important in climates that experience multiple freeze/thaw cycles combined with severe cold weather. A concrete sealer applied every 2 years will help prevent water from entering the concrete and joints during autumn rains and will help to prevent the intrusion of de-icing salts tracked onto driveways & curbs during winter months.

\*\*\* The concrete sealing is recommended every 2 years - make sure the surface is dry and preferably when the air temperature is above 60 degrees fahrenheit.

\*\*\* It should be noted that some temporary discoloration of the surface may be expected.

\*\*\* Sealer can be purchased at most hardware and ready-mix suppliers.

**For additional information or call for a free estimate to have your driveway sealed.**

**We do give quotes for sealing driveways.**

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