

DRIVEWAY INFORMATION SHEET

- After sealcoating, feel free to use your driveway as normal after 24 hours. Our mission is to apply the most effective and cost efficient sealcoating to your driveway. For complete product and technical information on our sealer go to www.starseal.com... If you're happy with our job please write us a good review! And if you're not, please call us so we can continue to improve our process.

- We're experts in watching the weather radar before sealing. However, if a surprise rain shower pops up right after application it could (rarely) affect the sealer. What to look for: If the driveway is all black with no runoff or mess, that typically means it was completely dry before any rain. However, if you see that any black sealer has run down onto the concrete curb at the bottom, or if you see small (pin head size) black splatters along the bottom three feet of the garage door, that could mean the sealer was compromised in areas. In that case give us a call so we can have you text us a pic, and then we can assess the situation.

- Coal Tar sealers are now banned by the State of MN. The new environmentally friendly Asphalt Emulsion sealer is slightly softer than Coal Tar, so some TIRE MARKING (worse with heavy vehicles or trailers) is not uncommon, especially in the first 3 to 6 months. Tire tracking typically fades away over time especially after 6 months.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ASPHALT DRIVEWAY:

- Sealcoating should typically be done every 2 - 3 years. If done properly it can approximately double the life of the asphalt. Most driveways (those in good condition) should NOT be sealed more than every 2 - 3yrs...Too much sealer applied every year can cause surface cracking ("spider web" cracking) which can actually reduce the life of the driveway. A good rule of thumb is to wait until the sealer has worn off and you can see back through to the original asphalt before sealing again. (On the other hand, if you have an old, "beat up" driveway, sometimes a yearly sealcoating is the only way to make it look its best each season if your goal is simply to put off installing a new driveway for a few years.)

- Sealcoating does not change the level or contour of the driveway. It seals the existing surface, but does not create a new surface. Asphalt sealer penetrates the asphalt to seal and prolong its life. But any dips, low spots, pits, surface cracks, gashes, etc. will still be there after sealing. To eliminate these would require a new asphalt driveway.

- Every driveway is different and unique, and very few driveways look exactly the same over time. The look of each driveway depends on a multitude of factors (to name a few): Age; Quality of initial grade of asphalt & installation; Any settling or ground movement; Timing, quality, type, and application method of previous sealer applications; Severity of winters and type of snow removal; Porosity of the asphalt; Oil dropped from cars and other stains or contaminants from various sources. ...As a result, while our crews use exactly the same product and application method on every driveway, each one turns out a little different based on the condition of the surface before we arrive.

- About cracks: There is no crack-filler currently available which gives us a guarantee on how long it will last, especially through MN winters. Filling cracks is a temporary band-aid, not a "fix". Once you have a crack, the only way to truly "repair" it is to install a new driveway, or cut out a large area around the crack and re-pave that area (which is expensive and not cost effective). While the filling of major cracks is typically part of our service, it wont make them disappear; but will help keep them from getting worse in the short term. However, cracks will most likely need to be re-filled again either the next year or the next sealcoating.

-About Joints (seams): We don't recommend, or offer, filling joints, as any joint filler will deteriorate over the winters leaving an ugly "cracked" looking joint. This can leave behind black "remnants" of that old filler on the concrete lip of your garage floor indefinitely. Conversely, our process keeps the joints "clean" by sealing just up to the edge of the asphalt without ever touching your concrete or house.

...If you have a settling problem at your top joint, adding a joint filler will not affect this one way or the other. Actually, the only way to fix a settling problem is to tear out the top portion of the driveway, re-compact the base, and re-pave level with the garage floor. We call this "Apron Repair". For more info and pricing go to our website www.SuperiorAsphaltMN.com, and click on "1st Class Sunken Apron Repair".

We'll be contacting you in 2-3 years to see if the driveway is in need of another sealing at that time. If you need us before then for anything at all, please give us a call - Superior Asphalt - 952.942.8547