

NEW DRIVEWAY CARE

We at MacKinley Clark Paving want to congratulate you on your new asphalt driveway.

We want you to get the most life and usefulness from your new asphalt driveway, here are some TIPS AND PRECAUTIONS THAT MAY HELP YOU CARE FOR YOUR NEW PAVEMENT.

FOR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

PLEASE KEEP PETS AND CHILDREN AWAY UNTIL COOL TO THE TOUCH.

Since the liquid asphalt in hotmix blacktop needs time to harden and cure, it is best to not drive on it immediately. We recommend that you keep vehicle traffic off it for two days, and longer in hotter weather. Because the asphalt is not fully cured, your new driveway will be susceptible to chemicals and concentrated loadings.

Therefore please AVOID.

1. Be sure to always keep your vehicle moving while turning. If possible always try to travel in a straight path. Avoid sitting still and turning you wheels while on the blacktop. This can grind the surface if done repeatedly. (This is especially important in higher temperatures.)
2. Avoid parking in the exact same spot each time for the first six months. Move around a little when you park (this should avoid depressions.)
3. If a vehicle or heavy object is to be place on your driveway for an extended amount of time, periodically move it around or place a piece of plywood under the object to disperse loads that can cause sinking.
4. Lawn furniture, high heels, jack stands, kick stands and ramps, will all sink into the surface and should be avoided.

5. Heavy vehicles of all types should be avoided. (Frequent offenders include cement trucks, garbage trucks, RV's and delivery/moving trucks)
6. Be sure to keep the edge of the driveway clear of weeds (ie: dandelions, mushrooms, tree roots, invasive grasses) Please be aware that weeds & trees have roots systems that can spread out horizontally and can burrow into the pavement; causing holes in and/or lifting of the asphalt.
7. If the edge of your driveway has more than an inch exposed, it is a good idea to backfill these edges with soil or crushed aggregate to support the edge and deter erosion beneath the asphalt pavement.
8. Be sure **not** to drive you vehicle off your driveway's exposed edges if they have not been backfilled. This could cause cracking at the edges of your new pavement. Also avoid parking vehicles for extended periods of time within 6 inches of the edge. Sinking may occur.
9. Avoid chemical spill of all types on your driveway. Gasoline, diesel fuel, solvents and harsh cleaners will dissolve the asphalt.
10. Avoid sealing your driveway for one year. Wait until the surface is light gray in colour before sealing it for the first time.
11. **REMEMBER YOUR DRIVEWAY IS SOFTER IN WARM WEATHER AND THIS IS THE TIME TO BE MORE CAREFUL.**

THIS LIST IN NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE, but with a little care your new driveway should give you years of excellence.

Thank you from MacKinley Clark Paving.