

ASPHALT CARE SHEET

Congratulations on your driveway. Please take a few minutes and review the following suggestions to ensure the continued appearance and quality of your investment.

Your driveway needs time to set up before driving or parking on it. In weather above 75 degrees, do not drive on it for 5 days and do not park on it for 1 week. In weather below 75 degrees, do not drive on it for 3 days and do not park on it for 5 days. Furthermore, we do not recommend parking on new asphalt for any length of time, however, if long term parking is necessary, put plywood under the wheels to prevent tires from sinking and to distribute the weight of the vehicle. It takes approximately two summers for the asphalt to cure.

Bicycle kick stands, motorcycles, ladders, high heels, grills and lawn chairs are extremely damaging, especially during hot weather, when asphalt becomes soft.

Gasoline, oil, fuel oil and other chemicals deteriorate asphalt by eating away at the binders. Prevent these and other chemicals from coming into contact. If this does occur, immediately cover with "floor dry" or sand to absorb.

During warm weather, your driveway is susceptible to tire making. To help alleviate this problem do not turn your steering wheel when not moving (make gradual turns). If marring or scuffing occurs try to smooth with shoe or boot or pound out with hammer.

Driving over the edges of the asphalt is not recommended. Sharper Homes assumes no liability for damage due to this.

Your driveway may look smoother in some areas than in other because of the makeup of asphalt. Asphalt has various sizes of stone, sand, liquid asphalt, and other ingredients which cause a varied texture of the surface. Also, asphalt areas that have been raked and spread with hand tools may appear different in texture from those spread by machine.

Sealcoat may be applied to driveway surface after the asphalt has cure for 2 years.

Any driveway repairs will be done by overlay patching. Contractor is not responsible for the inevitable differences in color between the patch and the original surface. Sealcoating can eliminate this problem, and is the responsibility of the homeowner.

SETTLING

Settling next to your garage floor of up to 1 ½ across width of the driveway is considered normal. Settling or depressions elsewhere in the driveway of up to "in any eight (8) foot radius are considered normal. Settling will vary due to soil conditions. Any settling in excess of these standards will be repaired.

THERMAL CRACKING

During the first 24 months, a driveway may exhibit thermal cracking. These are normal “expansion joints” which help your driveway adapt to the heating and freezing cycles of the weather. Larger cracks can be filled with a rubberized crack filler.

Sharper Homes, cannot be responsible for acts of nature, i.e. frost cracks, settling of any nature, tree root cracks, etc. Etc.