

Should I Use Asphalt or Concrete for My Driveway & Parking Lot?

Are you paving a new driveway or considering repaving your parking lot? Should you use ready mixed concrete or asphalt to pave your driveway? There are benefits to each.

Benefits of Paving with Asphalt

If your driveway is large, longer than 200 feet or if you're interested in paving a large surface like a parking lot, asphalt may be the best option. Here's why:

- Asphalt has a shorter cure time than ready-mixed concrete and can be less expensive for large projects
- Snow and ice melt faster and deicers do not degrade the quality of asphalt surfaces
- When treated properly, asphalt pavements last several years



You should consider the following if you decide to use asphalt to pave your driveway or parking lot:

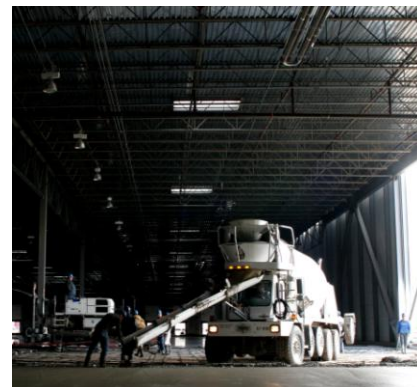
- Subgrade preparation with quality products is very important
- Asphalt should be properly sealed with a seal coat every 3 to 5 years
- Asphalt is susceptible to soft spots and may require patching
- Car oil or other fluids from your car may ruin the surface and create a need for more frequent seal coats or patching

Benefits of Pouring Concrete

Many driveways and even some state highways are paved with concrete because of its durability.

Concrete is an excellent choice for a driveway because:

- Concrete that is properly placed, cured and sealed can last nearly 40 years
- Concrete requires less maintenance than asphalt
- Concrete surfaces are not ruined by oil or other fluids your car may leave behind
- Concrete surface temperatures remain more constant than asphalt



You should consider the following if you decide to use concrete for your driveway:

- Subgrade preparation with quality products is very important
- We recommend that concrete is installed by a licensed concrete contractor
- Concrete can be degraded by salt, deicers and fertilizers
- Concrete should be sealed within 24 hours of initial placement and resealed as part of a regular maintenance program
- Concrete should be kept clean
- Concrete can pop or flake away if it isn't finished correctly or prepared with the best base

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