

# How To Maintain Your Concrete

## Sealing

Sealing helps maintain the appearance and durability of concrete. Sealers are designed to keep moisture and contaminants like deicing chemicals from being absorbed into the concrete. Since sealers will wear over time and no longer function as intended, we recommend resealing within 2-5 years. You can spot check your concrete to determine when sealers need to be reapplied. A way to tell is when water no longer beads on the surface of the concrete.



**Contact us for our resealing service.**

## Preventing Freeze-Thaw Damage

Two key conditions must occur to create deteriorating freeze-thaw damage. The first condition is saturation of the concrete and the second condition is freeze-thaw cycles. The use of deicing chemicals often accelerates the surface deterioration of concrete. This is especially true with new concretes, which haven't had an ample amount of time for the internal moisture to dry out. Deicing chemicals lower the freezing point of water and allow water to saturate further into the concrete.

- Avoid using deicing chemicals on your concrete. Sand or traction grit can be used for traction and are available at most local hardware stores.
- Promptly remove snow and ice accumulation manually from your concrete. Don't use sharp objects to chip or pound off snow and ice buildup, doing so can damage your concrete.

**Dry and clean concrete is Happy concrete!**

## Other Maintenance Tips

- The best concrete maintenance is the preventative kind. Preventative maintenance involves cleaning with a broom or rinsing to remove dirt and debris when weather permits.
- Fertilizers contain substances which chemically attack concrete. Promptly sweep off any fertilizer that is inadvertently cast on the concrete when spreading lawns.
- Remove stains immediately. While sealer will help to protect concrete from stain absorption, it's still a good idea to remove oil, gasoline or other spills as soon as possible.
- Avoid using harsh acids for cleaning concrete. Use only products designed for concrete use.