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Some Random Landscape Thoughts

As temperatures heat up, homeowners begin to spend more time outdoors. As a result, your concrete driveway may see more wear and tear throughout the summer months compared to other times of the year. To ensure that your paving stays in excellent shape throughout the season, here are a few steps you can take.

1. Repair Any Cracks

Over the years, cracks can form in your driveway. Leaving them unaddressed can allow them to spread or invite water to seep in, which can compromise your driveway's structure and cause potholes. Cracks also invite weed growth. If there are cracks through a significant portion of the driveway, it may make more sense to work with professionals to replace it so that you get the most out of your investment.

2. Keep Sharp Objects Away

From gardening shovels to lawnmower blades, you are likely using more lawn maintenance equipment throughout the summer. Concrete is durable, but you should still avoid dragging any sharp objects across it. In doing so, you'll help protect against surface scratches and small cracks.

3. Perform a Deep Clean

After winter and spring storms have passed, your driveway may have dirt and other debris caked onto its surface. Perform a thorough cleaning by brushing away any surface dirt while it's dry. Then, power wash the concrete to fully eliminate any traces of grime.

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RESEALING

Resealing is recommended between 4-5 years for driveway, and 2-5 years for Patio's.

This will help extend the life of the concrete.



CLEANING

Cleaning your concrete can help remove dirt, debris and give it an attractive look.



AVOID CHEMICALS

It's very important that you refrain from using certain chemicals on your concrete, as some can actually work through the sealer and harm the concrete. You should also be sure to use a cleaner specific to concrete. Make sure to thoroughly read instructions and disclaimers on products before using.



REMOVE STAINS

Although concrete sealer will help protect your concrete, it's still a good idea to clean stains and spills from concrete as soon as they happen. For example, if you notice that your car leaked oil on your concrete driveway, clean the oil as soon as possible to help prevent any staining or discoloration from occurring.

