

# Caring for Your Concrete

Your concrete is an investment; treat it with care. Here are a few tips to help it last a long time and stay beautiful:

## Be Gentle

Your new patio, walkway, or driveway is safe to use after 24 hours. But try to avoid placing excessively heavy or sharp objects on it for the first few days. You may notice slight variations in color the first few days; this is a normal part of the curing process.

#### **Avoid Harsh Products**

Road salt and strong abrasive chemicals are not concrete's friend. Overused, they will cause pits and holes. Use a mild dishwashing liquid to remove any stains from food or plant material. Try to be sparing with road salt and instead rely on shoveling and sand.

# **Keep It Sealed**

Concrete needs to be sealed every few years, depending on usage and weather. Sealer provides a great barrier against mother nature and helps ensure a long life. Sealer is available at your local hardware store, or call us for recommendations.

## **Keep It Clean**

Sweeping, blowing, and hosing down your concrete not only makes it look great, but it also removes rocks and debris that, over time, can wear down concrete. Remove grease and spills immediately.

Your investment should provide you many, many years of enjoyment with proper care. Please call us with any questions you have.