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## My driveway is paved, now what?

Once your new asphalt driveway is complete, it will require care and maintenance. Like the rest of your home improvements on your property, the better care you give to your asphalt driveway the longer it is going to last.

As soon as Genesis Paving completes paving your asphalt driveway, its new life begins. Listed below are some helpful tips and tricks to maximize the longevity of your new driveway.

You are offered a two-year warranty for your new laneway, but listed below are ways to care for your investment, and tips and tricks from the experts.

The first 14 days are the “Curing period” – Asphalt is oil based and takes a while to cure. (Especially during those hot summer days). Special precautions must be taken during this period. Keeping in mind that it takes one whole year to completely cure your driveway, and within the first summer on high humidity dates you could still have soft spots so being mindful that first year is so important to follow the tips and tricks below.

Water your driveway, yes you heard me right, Water that driveway, the same as you would your grass and gardens at the end of the hot day, turn the hose on the hot asphalt and cool it off. – **Ideally the entire first summer.**

Do not park on asphalt during the hottest part of the day.

Do not park on the tampered edges with any type of vehicle (damage or falling sides are not covered under your warranty)

Do not turn your steering wheel in the driveway for the first warm season.

Keep motorcycle and bicycle stands, boat jacks, car jacks and other sharp objects  
(these are not included as warranty repairs)

Place plywood under front tires of campers, boats, and trailers under the hitch. This helps dispense the weight of the tires. Even better try not to park heavy vehicles on the driveway for long periods of time during this first season.

Do not allow heavy trucks, such as moving trucks on the driveway.

**\*\* If your driveway is paved in the fall, it is important to note that curing will stop when the weather turns cold, then will resume in the spring \*\***

You can help to insure its long life and durability:

- **Prevent Oil & Gasoline Spills** – Asphalt is an oil-based material. Gasoline and oil spills can dissolve the surface of your driveway and cause deterioration. Avoid spilling or leaking these materials and clean up any spills using absorbent materials to minimize damage.
- **Fill Cracks** – Cracks may appear due to movement in the base and/or subsoil during a freeze or thaw cycle. Movement can also result from water seeping under the driveway. Water seepage can be due to landscape design, too much rain or over-watering. In Canada, eventual cracking is unavoidable. These cracks will be covered in your two-year warranty with Genesis Paving. Please contact our office so they can be handled appropriately.
- **Protect Driveway Edges** – The edges are the weakest part of your driveway due to the lack of side support. Avoid driving on the edges since they will crack and crumble over time. We suggest building up the soil near the sides of your driveway with topsoil to approximately one inch from the top of the driveway. This allows room for sod growth and water drainage and will support the edges and enhance the appearance after the grass is grown. **This is not a defect of the asphalt or the installation and is a direct result of parking on the edges of the laneway, and this is not covered in your warranty**
- **Stop Weeds & Grass Growing Through Cracks** – Vegetation, such as weeds and grass can push through asphalt. In most cases you can use a spot killer to remedy the situation. Sometimes, large plants or trees located near the edge of the driveway will push through. You will probably want to remove the plant for a long-term solution. If a tree root pushes through, and you want to keep the tree, the only remedy is to fill the cracks every year. It is important to keep in mind, this is not a defect of the asphalt or installation, those weeds and roots are a strong force of nature, and they can and will push through your asphalt, so keeping your surrounding area weed free will help with this in the long run.