

# How to seal an asphalt / blacktop driveway

## First, 4 Helpful Tips before you start:



**New asphalt/blacktop driveways** - Wait at least 6 months (including one full summer season) prior to sealing to allow it to allow the driveway to fully cure and weather.



**Apply two thin coats** – Two thinner coats will dry more evenly, creating a much better finished appearance than one thick coat. Single thick coats cure less evenly, have a tendency to puddle, and are more prone to tracking.



**When to apply the second coat** - We recommend waiting 4-12 hours, until the first coat is fully dry and cured. In optimal conditions, if the driveway is sealed early in the morning and the entire driveway is in full sun and is fully dry, you may apply a second coat the same day



**Concrete sidewalk and brick pavers** –Gardner asphalt driveway sealers are meant only for blacktop/asphalt surfaces, not for concrete or brick. To minimize the chance of getting asphalt sealer on non-asphalt surfaces, mask with tape/plastic sheeting or a drop cloth along affected edges. Clean up drips with a heavy-duty citrus based cleaner.

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# 3 Easy Steps for Best Driveway Sealing Results

## STEP 1: TRIM AND CLEAN SURFACE



- a. Sweep entire surface, removing grass cuttings and other debris. Scrape clean all cracks using a screwdriver.



- b. Trim grass and bushes away from driveway.



- c. Scrub gasoline and oil stains with undiluted **Driveway Kleen™** and a wire brush. Shoot stream of water into cracks and flush clean.



- a. Wash entire driveway with **Driveway Kleen**. Then rinse entire driveway surface with clean water.

## STEP 2: REPAIR CRACKS AND HOLES



- a. Fill cracks up to 1/2" wide with **Blacktop Crack Filler**.



- b. For expanding cracks or climates with wide ranges in seasonal temperatures, fill cracks up to 1/2" wide with **Blacktop Elastomeric Crack Filler**.



- c. Repair large cracks, deteriorated surfaces, and small holes up to 1" deep with **Speed Patch**. Apply with trowel, tapering into existing surface.

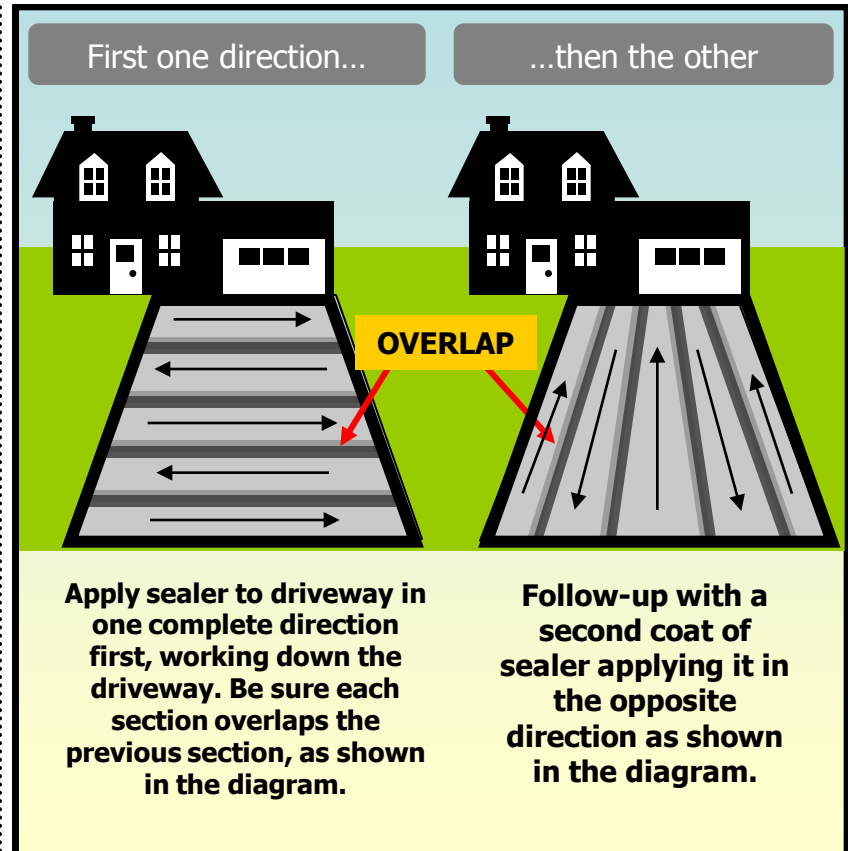
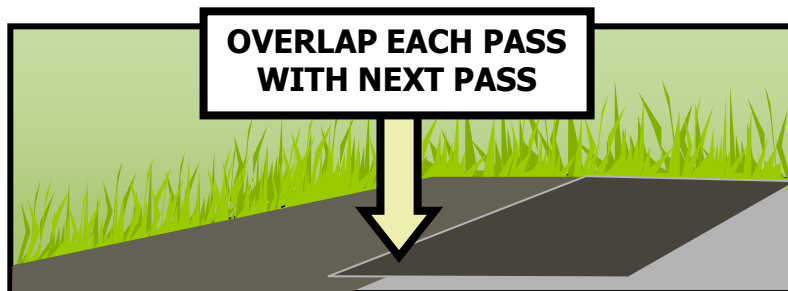


- d. For holes larger & deeper than 1", use **Ready Road Repair Pot Hole Patch**. Use tamper to pack material tight into repair. Ready for traffic immediately. Allow to cure a minimum of thirty days prior to seal coating.

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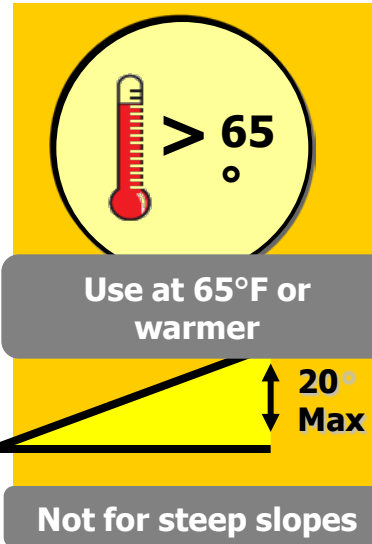
## Step 3: Apply an asphalt Driveway Sealer

1. Pour 1/2 the container of sealer onto the clean blacktop. Work on one small area at a time, applying a thin coat, brushing away any excess as you apply the sealer.
2. Apply first coat in one direction, and then second coat in the opposite direction (see diagram at right).
3. Work the product across the blacktop with a brush. Apply in a cross-hatch pattern to ensure all voids are filled and sealed. Overlap each section of the sealer as you are applying it to avoid leaving an edge (see diagram below).
4. By applying perpendicular to the house, you will eliminate viewing brush strokes.



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## Step 3: Apply Driveway Sealer, continued



- Mix the end of one pail with the beginning of the next pail to prevent color shading between batches.
- Complete the entire driveway in one continuous application to prevent "color shading."
- Apply at correct temperature to avoid curing problems. Temperature must be 65 F and rising, but not exceeding 90 F. Humid or cloudy conditions may prolong curing time. Products in shaded areas generally dry more slowly than in sunny areas.
- *For flat driveways only.* Our driveway sealers are not recommended or warranted for use on surfaces which contain a slope greater than 20 degrees (see diagram below.)
- For steep sloped areas (10-20°) you can apply 1 lb. of sand per gallon to improve traction.

### Coverage Rates:

Approximately 350 square feet / 5 gallon pail. Two coats recommended. Follow label directions. Do not allow to puddle or pond.

### Recommended Applicator:

### Driveway Brush w/squeegee

### Walking/Driving on Driveways:

Do not walk on driveway for at least 8 hours after the last coat. Vehicles should not be allowed for 24-48 hours. See label directions for specific information.