

Concrete or Asphalt for Driveway or Parking Lot?

Are you paving a new driveway or considering repaving your parking lot? Should you use ready mixed concrete or asphalt to pave your driveway? There are benefits to each. Here's a closer look at **paving with asphalt or ready mixed concrete** to help you decide which material would best suit your project.

BENEFITS PAVING WITH ASPHALT



If your driveway is longer than 200 feet or if you're paving a large surface like a parking lot, asphalt may be the best option. Here's why:

- Asphalt has a shorter cure time than ready-mixed concrete and can be less expensive for large projects
- Snow melts off asphalt easier than concrete
- When treated properly, asphalt paving can last several years

You should consider the following things if you decide to use asphalt to pave your driveway or parking lot:

- Asphalt should be properly sealed with a seal coat every 3 to 5 years
- Asphalt is susceptible to soft spots and may require patching every few years
- Car oil or other fluids from your car may ruin the surface and create a need for more frequent seal coats or patching.

BENEFITS OF POURING CONCRETE



Concrete is an excellent choice for a driveway because:

- Concrete that is properly placed, cured and sealed can last nearly 40 years
- Concrete requires less maintenance than asphalt
- Concrete surfaces are not ruined by oil or other fluids your car may leave behind
- Concrete surface temperatures remain more constant than asphalt

You should consider the following things if you decide to use concrete for your driveway or parking lot:

- Concrete can be degraded by salt
- Concrete should be sealed within 24 hours of initial placement
- Concrete should be kept clean
- Concrete can pop or flake away if it isn't finished correctly or prepared with the best base

Both asphalt and concrete require a properly prepared sub base of roadbase or gravel prior to placing any material. Contact your local Oldcastle office today for a free estimate and tips about which material may be best for your project.



