



Aftercare and Maintenance

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Newly Laid Asphalt



Asphalt is a generic term for all types of coated materials including Macadams, Hot Rolled Asphalt, Stone Mastic Asphalt and Proprietary Thin Surfacing.

Your newly laid asphalt surface will at first appear bright and bold in appearance, and will at have an increased surface tension due to the use of oil-based products within the material. This can cause rainwater to flow less quickly as it drains.

This appearance will soften over time as it is subjected to the elements, which also creates a slightly rougher texture to the surface giving better resistance to skidding and slipping, particularly when wet.

Damage



During its early life, the new surface is at greater risk of damage before it strengthens through an age-hardening process. This risk is increased further during the summer months when ambient temperatures and solar absorption are at their highest.

Most damage occurs in one of two ways:

Firstly, as a result of point loading from ladders, waste skips, caravans, motorbikes, etc, indentations to the surface can be formed, which can be unsightly.

Secondly, scuff marks can be caused by the scrubbing action of vehicle tyres. This occurs more commonly when wheels are being turned whilst in a stationary position and therefore this should be avoided.

Repairing any damage can leave a scar to the surfaced area and therefore care should be taken to avoid this situation.



Contamination



Any oil-based products that are spilt on the new surface **must** be removed as soon as possible to avoid staining and the breakdown of the material structure.

Immediately soak up the liquid with sawdust, dry sand, absorbent paper and discard safely. Brushing the surface with soapy water may also help to remove some of the oil from the surface but may still leave some staining.

Weeds



Weeds generally occur to the edges of the surface where abutting planting beds, grass, etc. These may be carefully removed and discarded. Where weeds have penetrated the surface a proprietary water-based weed killer should be used. Only remove the weeds if it can be done so without disturbing the surface.



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General Aftercare



Remember, prevention is better than cure!

Treat your new surface with respect and be aware of the potential damage that may be caused, taking appropriate preventative measures.

The most common types of damage to newly laid surfaces are:

1

Tyre damage from stationary or slow-moving vehicles

Always ensure that the vehicle is moving before turning and take care when making slow tight turns.

2

Point loading from heavy objects

Protect the surface with boards when using ladders, skips, etc, to ensure the weight of the load is spread.

3

Contamination

Do not place dirty or oil-based products directly onto the surface but use boards to protect from staining and marking.

Footpaths and domestic driveways are usually designed for use by cars. Structural as well as surface damage may occur if heavy vehicles are allowed to traffic these areas.

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