

Arch Paving Ltd –Procedures sheet

Patterned Imprinted Concrete & Block Paving Specialists

Step - by - Step procedure for installation of your NEW P.I.C Driveway:

- 1- The existing driveway or area to be renewed will be excavated, where necessary.
 - 2- We will install the sub-base (where applicable) and compress it to the required depth.
 - 3- We will install the necessary shuttering to the required shape of your driveway.
 - 4- The concrete will then be poured into place. Up to 3 pours, depending on area. Before leaving we will section the area off using bright barrier tape to prevent footmarks.
 - 5- It will be necessary to leave the concrete to harden for at least 24 hrs/48 hrs in winter.
 - 6- During that time, provision will be agreed and made for you to enter and leave the property.
 - 7- Once the concrete is cured to an acceptable standard, we will wash the release agent away.
 - 8- On the same day we will cut the crack control joints at strategic points.
 - 9- Once completely dry, we will then fill the joints with a compound, ready for sealing.
 - 10-When the area is bone dry, we will then apply the sealer.
 - 11-The sealer takes approx. 4 hours to dry enough to walk on at +7C. We advise that you wait before driving a vehicle onto the newly sealed area for at least 48 hours.
- The above procedures take on average 5/6 working days.

Customers responsibilities & Instructions on looking after your new driveway:

- 1- We will give you approximate times for all of the above procedures. It will then be your responsibility to ensure that the area will be pedestrian and traffic free, at all times, keeping “comings & goings” to an absolute minimum.
- 2- You must have at least a working water/ electric supply for us to wash off the release agent.
- 3- Health & safety for all is our priority. We will therefore, always ensure skips, obstacles and anything hazardous are clearly marked. It will be your obligation to ensure both you and your family adhere to these safety signs. Heavy machinery/ tools will also be used to excavate, minors must be kept away from the worksite at all times.
- 4- At least 2 days before work commences you MUST have the designs and colours/ sealer type, you wish for your drive, at hand. You will be given photos and addresses to look at on the day of estimation. Any delay in choosing after that, may result in additional fees being added, as a result of lost working days.
- 5- We will section the newly concreted area off with bright barrier tape. It’s however, ultimately your responsibility to ensure that friends, family, paper boys, delivery drivers etc, know about the state of the driveway and are given guidance not to cross for the agreed time.
- 6- You must not hose down or wet your new drive in between the “washing off” period and the final sealer. This will again cause lost working days, with a fee added.
- 7- The same applies with the sealer (as no.5). You will also not drive a vehicle on newly laid sealer for at least 48 hrs or 72 (winter conditions). This is due to the heat of the tyres possibly removing the sealer. You may not walk on the drive for 4 hours after sealing.
- 8- We will ensure entry and exit to the property in question, but ask to keep this to an absolute minimum, especially where mats are left to walk on. Pressure from foot prints cause shoe / trainer imprints and a darkened colour, which is hard / impossible to remove.
- 9- After we Seal the Driveway/path, Direct water must NOT be put onto the surface for at least 96 hours. White “blooming” and a “patchy (” finish will occur if this rule is not adhered to. As a result, any subsequent work will be charged to the customer at our usual rate.

Periodically a weak soapy washing solution can be used and cleaning of the driveway can be done as often as needed. Soapy solution must be vigorously cleaned to avoid sealer damage.

Enjoy your new driveway. Many Thanks.