

# CONCRETE CARE TIPS



Concrete is one of the most durable and long-lasting manmade products around, so why is yours deteriorating? If not cared for properly, concrete can scale, discolor or deteriorate. Follow these three tips to keep your concrete beautiful and durable.

## 1. Keep concrete surface clean

- Keep concrete clean of snow and ice
- Remove oil stains by applying paint thinner liberally to the stain and covering it with an absorptive material like cat litter, corn starch, etc...

## 2. Use a high quality water-repellant coating to seal concrete

- Sealers protect surfaces from stains and help minimize the amount of water entering surface pores. Sealers should be applied after the initial finishing and curing of the concrete, then reapplied annually thereafter.

## 3. Avoid products that may cause the concrete to deteriorate and stain

- Deicers which contain sodium chloride (salt), ammonium nitrate, or ammonium sulfate will rapidly disintegrate concrete surfaces. Clean sand or kitty litter are the best alternatives to add traction to icy surfaces. These products effectively aid snow and ice removal but will not damage concrete surfaces.
- Fertilizer pellets and even tree leaves can stain concrete surfaces. Remove debris from your concrete immediately to keep the surface protected and stain-free.



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