

Maintaining Your Stamped Concrete

Sealing Your Stamped Concrete

Sealer is key to maintaining beautiful decorative concrete, protecting your investment, and increasing your curb appeal. Sealer acts as a protective topical membrane which repels stains, harmful chemicals and water from penetrating the surface. Applying a sealer annually is recommended for maximum protection of your concrete surface.

Additionally, a sealer will help prevent efflorescence, which is a white, powdery residue that can build-up on the surface.

Re-Sealing Stamped Concrete

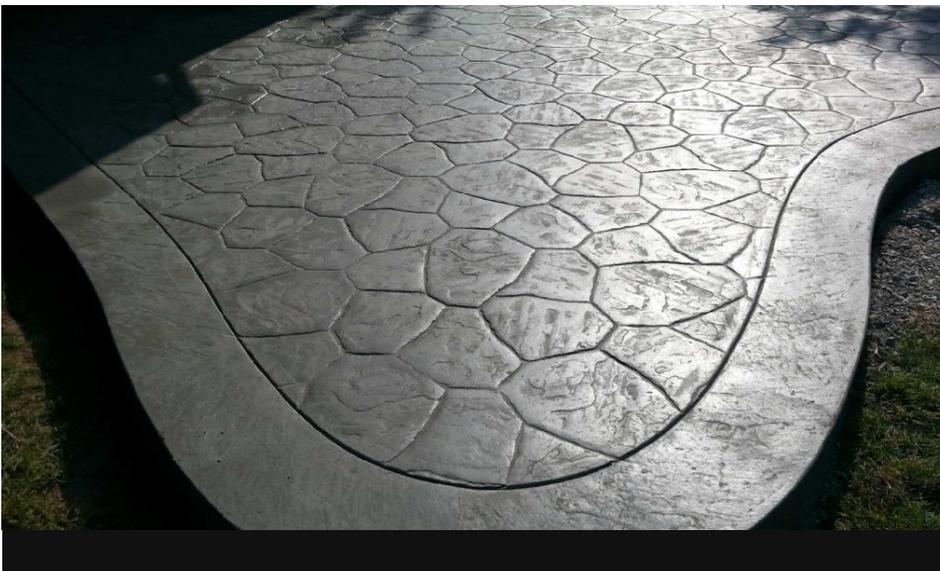
Maintaining the sealer on a stamped concrete surface is a must. For maximum protection, it is recommended to re-seal your stamped concrete every year.

Sealer Options

Stamped concrete that has been sealed will have a rich color and your preference of sheen. We offer sealers with many different gloss levels, ranging from no-gloss to high-gloss. Want more color? A tinted sealer will further enhance the look of your stamped concrete.

Slip resistant additives are also available for sealer, which are especially useful around a pool.

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Let's Talk About:

- Choosing the Right Sealer
- The Products We Use
- Basic Steps for Sealing Your Stamped Concrete
- Why We're the Best

Using the Right Sealer

The right sealer will keep your stamped concrete looking great for many years, or rejuvenate an existing stamped surface.

Sealing stamped concrete can be compared to waxing your car, wearing sunscreen, or spraying Scotchgard on your favorite shirt.

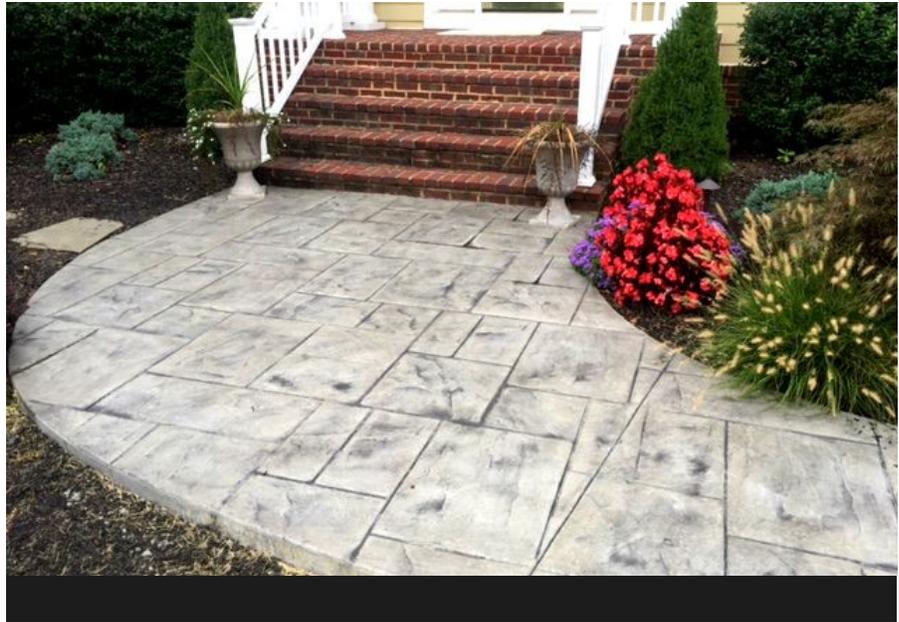
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What We Use

We at Blackwater Designer Concrete use Ultra Seal by Con-crete Werks, a highly-recommended product for re-sealing concrete.

We do not recommend using other sealers, as there may be compatibility issues which could result in the sealers not bonding together.

This product can be ordered from their website directly (www.concretewerks.com) or from Amazon.com.



Basic Steps for Sealing Your Stamped Concrete

1. Rinse dirt/debris off stamped concrete surface with a garden hose or pressure washer.
2. Apply a small amount of liquid dish soap to surface and scrub with a push broom.
3. Rinse well with a garden hose or pressure washer until there is no sign of soap-suds.
4. DRY surface completely by using a leaf blower or by waiting 24 hours to air dry. **DO NOT APPLY SEALER TO A DAMP/WET SURFACE.**
5. Once the surface is completely dry, apply the sealer as follows:
 - Apply sealer using a 1" nap roller.
 - Apply sealer in approximately 2' x 4' sections. This will ensure full coverage without missed spots.
 - In general, sealer should be applied when air temperature is above 55 F. Best results will be obtained by applying sealer during cooler temperatures -- fall and spring -- or before 10 am and after 4 pm in summer months when surface temperatures should be under 90 F.
6. A second coat can be applied after the first coat is tack free (not sticky to your touch).
7. Your stamped concrete should be resealed every year (more or less depending on other variables such as weather, use/traffic, pets, etc.) to protect your investment. One 5-gallon pail of sealer will cover approximately 1,000 square feet.

Why We're the Best

As a family owned company, we provide the highest attention to detail and customer service. Our concrete artisans take personal pride in offering their highest quality of work with superior finishes. With Blackwater, you can rest assured that each and every project is unique and is treated as our #1 priority.

We offer all aspects of decorative concrete from stamped to acid stains and we also offer traditional masonry work to accent any decorative concrete work. We use the perfected method of stamped concrete and overlays to replicate unique and realistic looks of imported slate, quarried and textured stone. Blackwater provides artistry with the decades of durability, at a lower cost.

At Blackwater Concrete, our goal is to provide personalized service and distinctive ideas, giving each client and project the full value of our collective experience and knowledge.

By combining the broad based skills of our artisans and the best in disciplined professionalism, **we deliver on our commitments.**

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