

Driveway Repair

Seems a lot of driveways are getting a shiny new top coats lately. This is good, but before you call in the application people (you aren't going to do it yourself, are you?), you may want to take a good look at the



surface. Especially where the driveway black top meets the concrete at the garage and where it meets the Belgium blocks at the street. Joe Violante found some repair products at Lowe's and I am sure these or something similar is available at the other hardware stores also. Any cracks or missing chunks can

be repaired using the right material. The area should be clean and one way you do it is to sweep up and then blow out the debris. Do this with your (or your neighbors) pump up garden sprayer. Make sure is empty and dry, pump it up and you have a portable air compressor. Adjust or remove the nozzle at the end of the wand. Blow out the seams and cracks before you apply the caulking or patch material. Force



the caulking into any cracks or gaps and let it set up. You may have to repeat this because of shrinkage. If you have large areas or chunks missing use the patch material. Again, depending on the depth of the area you may have to repeat it if it shrinks. So do your repair and wait a day or two to see if you need

to apply it again. Buy disposable plastic trowels so clean up is easy. If you have a lot to do, wear plastic

bags over your shoes so you don't drag the material into your house and we have a murder in our nice



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quiet community. When you are satisfied with your work, call in the recoating guy and you will have a brand new driveway. I hope!

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