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Manufacturer of Hot Pour Crack & Joint Sealants

Springtime Crack Sealing & De-icing Solutions

Each year, as Spring weather approaches, crews around the country get ready to crack seal. Yet many areas can still experience wintry weather or even an unexpected snow fall. That means de-icing salt solutions can be applied one day and then, just a few days later, the ambient temperatures may be appropriate for crack sealing. Take caution, however, because salt and de-icing solutions can make it difficult for an effective bond to form between crack sealant and the crack sidewalls.



When de-icing products have been recently applied, try these tips to ensure a successful outcome:

- Wait to apply crack sealant until after it has rained. The rain will wash away the de-icing materials. Just make sure the pavement is clean and DRY before beginning crack sealing operations.
- Consider routing cracks first. This process provides a fresh surface for crack sealant to adhere to and removes any remaining de-icing agents.
- Power washing will remove de-icing materials.
- Sand blasting and rotary wire wheels are also an effective solution but less practical.

Happy Spring and Happy Crack Sealing!

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