

# Which is better Asphalt or Concrete???

## Pros of Asphalt Driveways:

- Less prone to frost heaves than concrete.
- Ease of snow removal.
- Decorative options.
- Less expensive to install than concrete.

## Cons of Asphalt Driveways:

- Susceptible to damage from Jack Stands, Trailers, Bikes, etc.

It is fairly common knowledge that concrete driveways can be stamped and colored to enhance their appearance, but some may be surprised to learn that pattern-stamping and coloring are also options for asphalt paving.

Where winters are severe, two issues come to mind for driveways: ease of snow removal and susceptibility to cracking from frost heaves. Both concrete and asphalt paving rate well on the former, while the relative flexibility of asphalt paving allows it to outperform concrete on the latter.

## Pros of Concrete Driveways

- Decorative options.
- Ridged surface, good for Jacks Stands, Trailers, Bikes.
- Where winters are **not** severe, outlasts asphalt paving.

## Cons of Concrete Driveways:

- More expensive than asphalt paving.
- Snow & Ice melt slowly.
- Concrete driveways stain easily, and the stains are tough to remove.

The look of concrete driveways can be enhanced through pattern-stamping and coloring. Unfortunately, their appearance is easily marred by stains -- which are almost inevitable on a surface used by automobiles. Oil stains, which also plague asphalt paving, are difficult to remove. But concrete driveways are often lighter in color than their asphalt counterparts, making the stains more noticeable.

If winter is on your mind, asphalt surfaces generally perform better in areas with severe winters than concrete driveways.