

19 TIPS for Late Season Pavement Maintenance

1 Factor in fewer daylight hours and cooler temperatures into the bid and production process

2 Temperature needs to be 50°F and rising at time of sealer application

3 Complete sealcoating with enough hours of sunlight left to dry it

6 Consider additives designed to speed drying and curing

5 Use less water in mix design to aid drying

4 Plan for multiple day applications for two-coat jobs

7 Make sure pavement is completely dry before sealing

8 Don't sealcoat if temperature is expected to drop below freezing at night

9 Partner with a landscape crew who can clean and remove leaves immediately before a job

12 Make sure cracks are completely clean and dry

11 Seal cracks that are 1/8-in. wide or wider

10 Have clients sign a waiver

13 Cracksealing kettles may require more heat as temperatures cool

14 Make sure ground temperature is warm enough to pave

15 Windy days may reduce time available for compaction

18 Follow all material producer's recommendations

17 Protect asphalt during transport from cooler temperatures

16 Thicker lifts retain heat longer in cold weather than thin lifts

19 Don't push to do a job that will end up failing and having to be redone in spring

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