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POST WINTER DAMAGE: HOW TO INSPECT AND REPAIR

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Harsh winter weather can and will wreak havoc on your asphalt parking lot. The best way to protect your parking lot from the freeze-thaw cycles that we experience is by having a preventative maintenance plan in place. When you add snow plowing and rock salt to an existing damaged parking lot, it will erode the asphalt and cause further damage.

It is always important throughout the year to conduct a physical inspection of your parking lot. When you notice signs of cracking, potholes, or the asphalt color looks faded, it is best to contact your asphalt parking lot service provider to assess the damage and devise a parking lot maintenance plan that suits your needs.

A part of preventative maintenance is to crack seal. Crack sealing prevents water from seeping into the sub-base. During the winter season, when water seeps into the cracks, the freeze thaw cycle will make the water expand and contract. The once small cracks can become potholes.



Undetected potholes may appear as snow and frost thaw. Many times, these damages are caused by snowplows or existing cracks hat have been affected by the freeze thaw cycle.

It is imperative to seal cracks and fill potholes to prevent potential liabilities. As winter weather subsides, it is best to schedule services like sealcoating and asphalt crack sealing since these applications are not offered during the winter months. Taking the necessary steps in preventative maintenance will not only extend the life of your parking lot, but will also save you money over time, prevent potential liabilities and beautify your asphalt parking lot.

When surveying your parking lot, contact the experts at American Asphalt Company to help address any immediate hazards. We will be able to provide a complimentary assessment of your parking lot and keep you within budget.

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