

**Paving**  
**Answers to Know – Questions to Ask**

1. Will appropriate notches be milled into the existing asphalt surface to allow for a smooth paving transition when your new paving is installed?
2. If necessary, will asphalt that is too high be removed to provide for the proper depth of the new paving? This will provide appropriate water drainage when your paving is complete.
3. Are there any severely broken and/or deteriorated sections of asphalt in your existing paving? Will this be appropriately repaired prior to installing new asphalt?
4. Will your grass edges be trimmed from the sides of your driveway to find the true edge in order to give you the maximum amount of width and length?
5. If there are existing structural cracks, does your contract include the use of a Petro Tac or Petro Mat material to help prevent reflective cracking through the new paved area?
6. Will patches be done in stone areas and other areas where asphalt was removed? Are the patches a minimum of 2-inch binder (base course) asphalt? Is this 2-inch the thickness of the asphalt before or after compaction?
7. Is your current driveway (paved area) uneven? Does your contract cover a leveling course of asphalt to level the surface prior to the final top course paving?
8. Final Top Course – Will the final top course be a true 1 1/2 inch compacted mat of a Fine Top Asphalt mix? Will the surface be free from ridges, creases, and other surface marks? Will all edges be nicely tamped?
9. In many cases, the new paving will meet a road, and create a joint. Will this joint be sealed with an appropriate asphalt joint sealer?
10. What is the workmanship and quality guarantee on your paving? Is it one (1) year?
11. What type of paver will be used? A road-type paver as opposed to a box-type paver will give a more uniform and compacted mat of the asphalt materials.
12. Will vibratory rollers and compactors be used to achieve maximum compaction? Compaction determines the longevity of any asphalt surface.
13. What type of paving do you want? Least cost or best quality dollars spent?