



## Ways to Protect Your Concrete Investment

- ▶ Don't use salt or de-icing chemicals on your concrete, especially in the first year.
- ▶ Never apply deicers containing ammonium sulphate or ammonium nitrate. These products aggressively attack and deteriorate concrete surfaces.
- ▶ Wash off road salt that drips from vehicles.
- ▶ Keep concrete clean of snow, ice and leaves as much as possible (leaves can stain a concrete surface).
- ▶ Immediately clean off any fertilizers that come in contact with your concrete.
- ▶ For stain removal, use only products specifically designed for the stain in question and for use on concrete.
- ▶ Don't drive on or place weight on your concrete until its designed strength is gained, which could range from 7 to 28 days.
- ▶ Apply a penetrating sealer after 30 days, then again as recommended by the manufacturer.