



## Homeowner Concrete Care Guide



- Concrete adds to the overall look and value to your home. And while it is a very durable material, **proper care** is required to ensure its longevity.
- Deicing chemicals that contain ammonium sulfate, ammonium nitrate, or magnesium chloride should **never** be applied to any concrete surface. This also included the use of any salt product. These products are extremely hazardous to concrete and can cause deterioration to your concrete's surface. In icy conditions, the preferred surface treatment is sand. This will provides both traction and protection for your concrete.



Damage by Deicer



Damage by Salt

- **Do not** use harsh chemicals for stain removal. A mild detergent and warm water applied with a brush will remove most stains. For tougher stains, be sure the product is safe for use on concrete.
- Common garden fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate or urea may cause a chemical reaction resulting in the disintegration of the concrete surface. Fertilizers containing iron should be swept off any concrete surface immediately to avoid rust spots. Keep this in mind when treating potted or hanging plants on or near your patio or porch.
- Always apply a fresh coat of sealer to your concrete surfaces annually to add a protective finish and for a "like new" look.
- Remember that concrete, like your home, is an investment and it is also one of the first things people see when they come to your front door. Make it a priority to take good care of your concrete and it will retain its beauty and value for many years to come.

