



CONCRETE
ALBERTA

DON'T COMPROMISE YOUR CONCRETE

**DE-ICING SALTS & CHEMICALS CAN
CAUSE LASTING DAMAGE**

This winter, keep your concrete in great shape by avoiding use of chemicals and salts. These products can catalyze freeze/thaw damage, which results in the flaking or scaling of your concrete. Concrete that is less than a year old is especially vulnerable to this damage.

Watch for the snowy buildup that collects on your car and your concrete from the plowing of streets as well. As it melts, the commercial chemicals used on roadways make contact with your concrete.

Products that can cause damage include:

- Salts including calcium chloride and others
- Anti-icing/de-icing chemicals
- Fertilizers

A SAFE ALTERNATIVE

Concrete Alberta recommends the use of high-quality traction sand on exterior driveways and walkways to prevent slips, trips, and falls.

PREVENTION PRACTICES

You can play an active role in preserving your investment through regular maintenance and protection of your concrete. In order to maintain the look and integrity of your concrete long-term, Concrete Alberta recommends proper sealing of the concrete surface with a silane penetrating sealer. Consult your concrete accessories specialist (list on reverse) for more information and product details.

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