

Five Reasons Why Paving Your Driveway Is Fabulous

For many of us, paving the driveway is one of those sensible home upgrades we plan to get to “one of these days.”

It's easy to let it kind of gradually drift down to the bottom of that ever-growing list of things to do around the home.

Here's the thing though. Paving your driveway isn't just a sensible thing to do. It also happens to be downright fabulous—and here's five reasons why.

1. It'll Make Your Family Safer

Driveways are actually an amazingly hazardous part of your home. Second to the kitchen, it's the place you're most likely to experience a serious accident.

This is especially the case if you have young ones or seniors regularly walking in from outside.

Good driveway paving doesn't just look good, it greatly improves the walking surface leading up to your front door and drastically reduces the chances of slipping and falling.

As an added bonus, it also ensures your cars have a solid, safe surface to step into and out of.

Paving your driveway is a great investment in your family's safety.

If that's not fabulous then maybe someone needs to upgrade the definition of fabulous!

2. It Could Save You Serious Money Down the Line

Good paving can also save you a lot of money in repair bills.

While your driveway might look like a pretty basic structure, there's actually quite a lot going on underneath the top layer. Layers of different substrates rest over a carefully graded base material.

If any of it begins to fail, the whole driveway begins to deteriorate.

Small cracks in your existing driveway mightn't seem like a big deal, but each allows water to seep down to where it can do real damage. In time, those small cracks will widen and before long you may be staring down the barrel of needing to do a complete driveway replacement.

This is an expense it's definitely best to avoid!

Fresh driveway paving has the fabulous benefit of discouraging serious environmental wear for several years.

3. It'll Save Your Family Time and Hassle

... And the fabulousness just keeps on coming because paving your driveway will also save your family a significant chunk of time and hassle.

Old paving is irregular and becomes a haven for garden debris, dirt and mud, all of which is a major hassle to clean (or to convince your kids to clean!)

With well-graded asphalt paving, that problem *almost* goes away.

You're still going to need to maintain the surface, but we're talking about a quick hose-off and a sweep instead of pressure washing, scouring or the use of chemicals.

Would it be an exaggeration to say that your kids are suddenly going to love cleaning the driveway and won't require bribery and/or the ever-present threat of sending them to military school?

Yeah. That would definitely be an exaggeration.

Driveway paving is fabulous but it's not quite that fabulous.

4. The Right Paving Will Keep Snow to a Minimum

A huge advantage in colder climes is that the right paving will actually encourage snow to melt faster.

Asphalt paving is darker, meaning it stores more heat. Thanks to its thermal properties, snow will melt significantly faster on asphalt compared to other surfaces, especially concrete.

Essentially what you end up with is a driveway which is built to get rid of snow faster. How fabulous is that!

The ... ahem ... fabulousity doesn't end there, either. Whereas other paving will rapidly deteriorate due to the expansion and contraction caused by snow and frost, asphalt just rolls with the punches.

Its natural flexibility makes it almost impervious to frost damage.

If you're keen on learning more about asphalt paving and how it works, check out SaveOnPaving.com. They offer a lot of information and a great line-up of paving services.

5. It'll Increase The Value Of Your Home

Which brings us to fabulous factor number five—cold hard cash.

You've probably heard this on one of the several thousand home improvement reality shows on TV, but it bears repeating one more time. Curb appeal is a huge factor in the sale value of your home.

Making a solid first impression outside your home can add up to 10% of its total value.

Paving your driveway is therefore a really smart move if you're planning on selling up in the future.

It's also an investment which lasts. Done right and maintained properly, good paving can boost the value of your home for many years.

Given the reasonable cost of a paving upgrade, it's a surefire way to get a great return on your investment.

We started this article with a bold claim—that paving your driveway is nothing short of fabulous. We can't blame you if you started out a teensy bit skeptical!

Setting aside the whole debate about its fabulousness though, paving your driveway is objectively a pretty smart thing to do. It increases safety around your home, saves you money and time and if all that wasn't enough it can bring a pretty solid boost to the value of your home.

