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DECO PRODUCTS, INC.

Concrete Coatings and Sealers

CONCRETE & PAVER SURFACE PREP

BEFORE SEALING/STRIPPING WORK BEGINS

— CONTRACTOR CHECKLIST —



A great sealer starts with great surface preparation. Follow this checklist to ensure the best results, fewer callbacks, and happy customers.

Preparation today. Protection for years to come.

1		READ THE PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS	Read the Product Data Sheet, SDS, and Applicator Guide for the sealer you are using. Follow all recommendations for best results.	☐
2		INSPECT THE SURFACE	Check the entire area for stains, efflorescence, mold, old sealer, loose pavers, cracks, and missing joint sand. Repair or correct any issues before sealing.	☐
3		MAKE SURE THE SURFACE IS CLEAN	Remove dirt, oil, algae, stains, leaves, and debris. Pressure wash and use specialty cleaners or a sealer stripper when needed. Allow the surface to dry thoroughly.	☐
4		CHECK FOR MOISTURE	The surface must be completely dry before sealing. Moisture can cause whitening, poor adhesion, and failure. If unsure, wait longer.	☐
5		WATCH THE WEATHER	Check the forecast. Avoid sealing if rain, heavy dew, high humidity, freezing temps, or extreme heat are expected. Fresh sealer needs time to cure.	☐
6		PROTECT THE WORK AREA	Move or protect furniture, planters, trash cans, vehicles, and rugs. Trim plants back for even cleaning and sealing. Nearby plants may get hit with sealer and look shiny.	☐
7		TURN OFF IRRIGATION	Turn off lawn sprinklers before work begins and keep them off for at least 48 hours after sealing to avoid interference with the curing process.	☐
8		THINK BEYOND THE SURFACE	Check doors and windows, pool systems, garage doors, and coordinate with lawn and pool service providers. Allow sealer to cure fully (minimum 48 hours) before they return to the area.	☐
9		SET CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS	Explain cure times: foot traffic after tack-free (usually 24 hrs), furniture after 48 hrs, and vehicles after 48 hours. If the driveway is tacky, wait an additional day. Rugs can typically be returned after about 4 weeks.	☐
10		DOCUMENT EVERYTHING	Take before-and-after photos and record weather, temperatures, products used, and coverage rates. Good documentation protects you and your customer.	☐



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