**Stamped Concrete Maintenance**

Stamped concrete is a highly durable material that can last many years if maintained properly. In some cases, it can be more durable than regular concrete surfaces, primarily if you have used a dry-shake color hardener. Here are some general guidelines for cleaning and maintaining your stamped concrete surface:

- **Keep the surface debris-free by regularly sweeping** it with a broom, using a leaf blower, or rinsing it with water. Do not let debris accumulate on the surface for long periods.

- If you have stubborn stains such as dirt, tire marks, leaf stains, or grease spots, water alone may not be enough to remove them. You may need stronger cleaning chemicals or even power washing and scrubbing in these cases. Check out our resources on power washing, using chemicals to clean stains, and removing oil on concrete.

- To protect your concrete from moisture penetration, freeze-thaw conditions, de-icing chemicals, and abrasion, it is recommended to seal it periodically. This is the best way to ensure the longevity of your stamped concrete surface.

- To maintain the color and sheen of your stamped concrete surface, you should use a sealer to prevent color fading and other issues. Talk to your contractor to determine the best sealer for your surface type. You can typically apply for it every 2-3 years. Some contractors offer maintenance programs to help keep your concrete looking its best. Check out this primer on types of sealers and what's best for different surface types.