**Exposed Concrete Maintenance/Care Schedule**

There are several different surfaces that can be classified as an “Exposed Concrete” finish. Some of these are Revealed, Sandscape, and Exposed Aggregate.

**Daily cleaning and maintenance:** Keep the surface debris-free using a broom, leaf blower, or rinsing with water. Don't allow debris to sit for long periods on an area of the surface. There are various ways to remove stubborn stains, such as dirt, tire marks, leaf stains, and grease spots. In these cases, water may not be enough, and stronger cleaning chemicals or power washing and scrubbing may be required.

 Use a neutral pH cleaning solution when cleaning the area. Neutral cleaners are designed to react only in solution with clean water, mixed following the manufacturer's instructions. Do not use all-purpose cleaners. All-purpose cleaners containing water-soluble inorganic or crystallizing salts, harmful alkali, or acids can damage the area because of their pH. Also, avoid oil-based sweeping compounds as they can permanently discolor the finish.

**Re-Sealing:** Periodic sealing is the best way to protect your concrete from moisture penetration, freeze-thaw conditions, de-icing chemicals, and abrasion. To protect the color and sheen of the exposed concrete surface, a sealer should be used to help prevent any color fading, etc. Ask your contractor to recommend the best sealer to use. Sealers should be applied every 2-5 years, depending on wear.