



Nothing quite says country living like a gravel drive way. While the drive way should not be the focal point of a property it does accent it and lends to the first impression as you or your guests enter. Heavy rains, freezing and thawing and winter snow removal all take their toll on your driveway. Problem areas such as low spots continue to hold water long after the last rain. Hitting potholes or wash boarding on a daily basis puts unnecessary wear and tear on your vehicle. While each driveway is unique, the solution is often to build these areas up with the proper material and encourage proper draining of water from the driving surface. The ultimate goal is to create a smooth, hard driving surface that is a pleasure to use.

Gravel Driveway Tips

1. Crown: to shed water properly a gravel driveway should have a crown of 2-5%. The drive should not be the lowest point in the surrounding landscape but should be raised above its sides creating a place for water to shed during rains.
2. Berm: often plowing of snow and vehicle traffic will build a ridge of material along the edge of the driveway. Often the driveway is higher than the surrounding but water can not drain off because of this berm. The solution is to grade and possibly add gravel to achieve the proper crown again.
3. Base rock coming through: on many driveways we see that the gravel has eroded to the point that the base rock is exposed in spots. Left unattended these areas will often form potholes. The solution is to add layers of gravel and grade smooth.
4. Proper gravel: using the wrong mix of gravel can lead to the early demise of a driveway. The proper mix of gravel will have the right mix of crushed stone and fines to hold together. Round stones or pea gravel should be avoided as it does not stay in place.
5. Periodic grading: we recommend that after the driveway has been fixed properly that you grade it periodically. Typically in the spring or fall so the existing gravel has some moisture to allow working.

Why hire us to maintain or fix your driveway?

We have a bobcat with a road grader attachment. This gives us the maneuverability it to get into tight drives and turnarounds. The machine also has the ability to scale up to grade long drives and private roads. We have the right gravel that not only fits the natural landscape but will pack together to form a smooth solid surface. We have over twenty years experience fixing and maintaining gravel drives and roads. We are responsive to our clients. Starting with simply returning a phone call all the way to meeting your scheduling needs. Equipped, experienced, reputable and dependable, why hire anyone else?

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