



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BAN ON COAL TAR
PAVEMENT SEALANTS

Hiring a contractor? Do-it-yourself?
Don't use coal tar to seal your driveway
or parking lot. It's the law, and it's for the
protection of our waterways and health.



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**DC LAW \$2,500 FINE PER DAY
ENFORCEMENT IS UNDERWAY**

**Effective July 1, 2009, it is illegal to sell, use,
or permit the use of coal tar pavement products
on property in the District.**

Coal tar pavement products are used to seal driveways, parking lots, and playgrounds. They contain high concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which are highly toxic chemicals that are suspected to cause cancer and are known to harm humans, animals, and aquatic life. PAH-containing particles from sealants wear off paved surfaces and can be washed into local waterways by rainwater or tracked into homes.

**Ask your contractor for
less toxic asphalt-based sealants.**

GET MORE INFORMATION

ddoe.dc.gov/CoalTarBan

REPORT SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS

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