



COMMENT ON PROPOSED EMERGENCY REGULATIONS REGARDING HARD SURFACES

The proposed regulations of July 8 state in part,

"...each of the following actions is prohibited

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(3) The application of water to any hard surface, including but not limited to

driveways, sidewalks, and asphalt;

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Please consider allowing the occasional pressure washing needed to prevent damage to certain types of decorative landscape surfaces. For textured and colored walks and driveways, brooming or sweeping is not very effective because the surface is not smooth. Occasional pressure washing must be done to prevent permanent damage to decorative concrete overlays from ground-in dirt.

Also, for decorative surfaces to be re-sealed, the surface must be pressure washed to prepare the surface prior to application of the sealer.

My contractor recommended my colored and sealed driveway be washed with water once per week. To help save water, I have not washed it in 6 months and have been sweeping instead. However the ground-in dirt is to the point I must wash it now or it will be permanently damaged.

I suggest the regulation be amended to say the following is prohibited

(3) The application of water for routine cleaning to any hard surface, including but not limited to driveways, sidewalks, and asphalt. Pressure washing of hard surfaces may be performed on a one-time or occasional basis, no more than once per three months, as needed for construction, resurfacing or maintenance to prevent permanent damage to the surface.

I'm fully on board with saving water. However, I need some flexibility to prevent permanent and costly damage to my property.

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