



Environment



Prince George's County, Maryland

County Bans Coal Tar Pavement Products

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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COAL

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PAVEMENT SEALANTS

Effective July 1, 2015, it is illegal to sell, use or permit the use of coal tar pavement products on property in Prince George's County.

COUNTY BAN

Prince George's County has banned the use of coal tar pavement products used on parking lots, driveways, playgrounds, airport runways and other surfaces. These products contain extremely high levels of PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) that find their way into our local stream sediments during rain events and pose a significant threat to our waterways. Sediment PAHs are known to harm aquatic life and contain cancer causing carcinogens.

WHAT TO DO

- Use asphalt-based or latex sealants that are less toxic. Some products that do not contain coal tar include:

RETAIL

- Henry PM2000 Premium Driveway Sealer/Filler
- Henry Elastomeric Emulsion Crack Filler

COMMERCIAL/WHOLESALE

- Paveshield
- Jennite Asphalt Emulsion Pavement Sealer
- Gilsonite Asphalt Driveway Sealant

**There are other sealant products available that do not contain coal tar, so please read labels carefully. Listing of specific product trade name does not constitute an endorsement of its use.*

- Construct parking lots with pervious pavement or concrete to avoid the need for sealants
- If purchasing a pavement product/sealant from a retailer or hiring a contractor/sealant applicator, ask for a Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) that can help you identify coal tar-containing products before you purchase them.

Use of a coal tar pavement product can subject the applicator and the property owner to a fine of up to **\$1,000**.

Disposal of any unwanted product can be made at the **Prince George's County Household Hazardous Waste Acceptance Site** located at the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill, 11611 White House Road in Upper Marlboro. For information, contact 3-1-1.

To report a potential violation of the ban, contact George Nicol at **(301) 883 -5976**.



