



May 22, 2018

Re: Coal Tar Sealants banned in the City of Greenfield

Dear Paving Professional,

As a company that may provide asphalt sealing services in southeast Wisconsin, we are contacting you to ensure you are aware of the City of Greenfield's ban on the use of coal tar-based pavements and other sealants containing more than 0.1% polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

PAHs are toxic to wildlife and can cause cancer and other health problems in humans. Studies have found that coal tar sealants are the largest source of PAHs to urban areas where they are used, including contributing more than 75% of the PAHs found in Greater Milwaukee-area waterways. Furthermore, PAH contamination can impose significant costs to the City, businesses and others in charge of maintaining stormwater management facilities.

In order to improve and protect public health and water quality, the City of Greenfield—along with several other communities in southeast Wisconsin—has prohibited the use of sealants that contain high levels of PAHs. The communities include Brown Deer, Elm Grove, Franklin, Glendale, Greenfield, Milwaukee, Port Washington, West Allis, Whitefish Bay, and Shorewood, with others to follow soon.

Violators of the ban are subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and no more than \$10,000. Sealants containing no, or less than 0.1%, PAHs, may still be used. This includes asphalt-emulsion, latex, and acrylic products.

Thank you for your assistance in complying with this law. For more information on the City of Greenfield's ban, contact me at Jeffrey.Katz@Greenfieldwi.us or (414) 939-8322.

Sincerely,

Jeff Katz, PE
Director of Neighborhood Services
City of Greenfield