

Do you need asphalt milling services or a full replacement?

When asphalt starts to crack, rut, or fade, property owners often have to decide whether to pay for **asphalt milling services** or replace the whole thing. Both options are good, but the best one for you depends on the state of your pavement, how much money you have, and what you want to achieve in the long run.

What you need to know about asphalt milling services

Using special machines, asphalt milling removes the top layer of damaged asphalt. The milled material is gathered up and reused, but the pavement's base stays the same. After milling the surface, a new layer of asphalt is put on top of it, and it sticks perfectly to the base.

This choice is best when:

The structure of the foundation is still strong.

Most of the damage is on the outside, like cracks, ruts, or fading. You can fix drainage problems by changing the slope while milling. You want a solution that is quick, good for the environment, and cheap.

When Full Replacement Is Necessary

To do a full replacement, you have to tear out both the asphalt surface and the base and then build everything back up from scratch. This takes more time and money, but sometimes it's the only thing you can do.

You might need to get a new one if:

The base has failed because of bad drainage, water damage, or soil that has moved. Parts of the pavement are sinking or cracking like an alligator. There are really bad potholes that go all the way down to the foundation. Without proper care, the pavement has lasted longer than it should have.

Differences in Cost and Time

Milling is usually much cheaper than replacing because it takes less work, fewer materials, and less time off. It usually only takes a few days to mill and repave a driveway or parking lot. It can take weeks to fully replace something, especially on big commercial lots or roads.

Effect on the Environment

Milling is better for the environment because the asphalt that is taken off is used to make new mixes. Full replacement makes more trash and needs more raw materials. Asphalt milling is the clear winner for property owners who care about the environment.

Choosing the Right Thing

It's easy to think that replacement is always the "permanent fix," but that's not true. Milling can make your pavement last for many years at a small fraction of the cost. The most important thing is to have a professional check to see if the base is stable.

Why should you hire Black Diamond Paving?

At Black Diamond Paving

Professionals with a lot of experience carefully look at each project. They don't try to sell you full replacements when milling will work. Their honest advice will help you find the best solution that lasts and costs the least. They do work that lasts, whether you need asphalt milling or a full replacement.