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What drives the price difference between quotes for a concrete driveway in Fredericton — mix design, thickness, rebar, or contractor overhead?

All four factors significantly impact driveway pricing in Fredericton, but thickness and reinforcement choices typically create the largest cost swings between quotes — often 40-60% price differences for what appears to be the "same" driveway.

The biggest price driver is usually **slab thickness and reinforcement specifications**. A basic 4-inch driveway with minimal reinforcement might quote at \$8-10 per square foot, while a properly engineered 6-inch slab with rebar on 18-inch centers can reach \$14-18 per square foot. Many homeowners don't realize they're comparing different structural specifications when they see quotes ranging from \$3,200 to \$7,200 for their 400-square-foot driveway.

Mix design creates substantial cost differences in Fredericton's freeze-thaw climate. Standard 25 MPa concrete runs \$180-200 per cubic yard, while air-entrained 32 MPa mix (essential for NB winters) costs \$210-240 per cubic yard. Contractors quoting the cheaper standard mix are setting you up for spalling and surface failure within 5-7 years. The \$20-40 per yard difference in concrete cost translates to \$200-400 more for a typical driveway, but extends service life from 7 years to 25-30 years. Fiber-reinforced mixes add another \$15-30 per cubic yard.

Reinforcement specifications vary dramatically between contractors. Some quote welded wire mesh (\$3-5 per sheet), others specify #10M rebar on 18-inch centers (\$150-300 more for a typical driveway), and budget contractors may skip reinforcement entirely. Proper reinforcement doesn't prevent cracking — concrete will crack — but it holds the slab together after cracking occurs, preventing pieces from separating and creating trip hazards.

Contractor overhead and profit margins create the final 20-30% price spread. Established contractors with insurance, WorkSafeNB coverage, and proper equipment charge \$12-18 per square foot for quality work. Newer or cash-only operators might quote \$8-12 per square foot but may lack insurance, use inferior materials, or cut corners on base preparation and curing. The cheapest quote often becomes the most expensive when you factor in premature replacement costs.

Base preparation quality is another hidden variable. Proper excavation, 6-8 inches of compacted gravel base, and vapor barrier add \$2-4 per square foot but are essential for long-term performance in Fredericton's clay soils and spring frost heave conditions. Contractors skipping base prep can undercut properly specified quotes by \$800-1,600 on a typical driveway.

Seasonal timing affects pricing significantly in Fredericton. May-June quotes run 10-20% higher due to peak demand after spring thaw. July-August pricing normalizes. September-October may offer slight discounts as contractors fill schedules before winter shutdown. November-April cold weather pours cost 25-40% more due to

heated mixes, insulation, and weather protection requirements.

When comparing quotes, ensure you're comparing identical specifications: slab thickness, concrete strength and air entrainment, reinforcement type and spacing, base preparation depth, and curing methods. A 4-inch slab with standard concrete and wire mesh is not equivalent to a 6-inch air-entrained slab with rebar, even though both are "concrete driveways."

Get at least three detailed quotes specifying exact concrete mix design (MPa strength, air content), slab thickness, reinforcement details, and base preparation. The middle quote with proper NB specifications typically offers the best long-term value. Remember that in Fredericton's climate, spending an extra \$1,000-2,000 upfront for proper thickness and air-entrained concrete can save you \$5,000-8,000 in premature replacement costs.

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Q2

What is the typical cost per linear foot for a poured concrete curb and gutter on a residential driveway in New Brunswick?

Poured concrete curb and gutter for residential driveways in New Brunswick typically costs \$15-\$30 per linear foot installed, depending on the size, complexity, and whether it's integrated with new driveway construction or added to existing pavement.

For a **standard residential curb and gutter** (6-8 inches high, 12-18 inches wide at the base), expect to pay \$18-\$25 per linear foot for most NB installations. This includes excavation, forming, concrete placement, and finishing. **Decorative or larger profiles** can push costs to \$25-\$30 per linear foot, while **simple landscape curbing** (4-6 inches high, primarily for aesthetics) runs \$12-\$18 per linear foot.

The complexity significantly affects pricing. Straight runs are most economical, while **curved sections, radius corners, and integration with existing drainage** add 20-40% to the base cost. If the curb and gutter connects to municipal storm drainage or requires catch basins, additional permits and inspection fees apply. Many NB municipalities require a **driveway approach permit** when modifying drainage patterns near the street connection.

New Brunswick's freeze-thaw cycles demand proper specifications for curb and gutter longevity. The concrete must be **air-entrained (4-7% air content)** and typically uses a **32 MPa (4,500 PSI) mix** for durability against road salt and winter conditions. **Proper reinforcement** with #10M rebar is essential, especially where the curb transitions to meet existing pavement or drainage structures. Without air entrainment and adequate strength, NB's 150+ annual freeze-thaw cycles will cause spalling and deterioration within 5-7 years.

Timing affects both cost and quality. The optimal installation window is **May through October** when ground conditions are stable and concrete curing isn't compromised by freezing temperatures. **Spring installations** (May-June) often cost 10-15% more due to high demand as contractors catch up on winter-delayed projects. **Late fall work** requires cold weather protection measures that can add \$3-\$8 per linear foot.

For a typical residential driveway requiring 40-60 linear feet of curb and gutter (along one or both sides), budget **\$800-\$1,500** for basic installation. **Decorative stamped or colored curbing** for upscale driveways can reach \$1,200-\$2,000 for the same length.

When to hire a professional: Curb and gutter work requires precise forming, proper drainage slopes (typically 1-2% grade), and integration with existing drainage systems. The concrete must be placed and finished quickly before it sets, and mistakes are highly visible and permanent. **DIY is not recommended** for this type of work — the specialized forming, drainage calculations, and finishing techniques require professional experience.

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Q3

How does the cost per square foot of a stamped concrete patio compare to a paving stone patio in Moncton when you factor in long-term maintenance?

Stamped concrete patios in Moncton typically cost \$12-\$20 per square foot installed, while paving stone patios run \$15-\$25 per square foot — but the long-term maintenance story heavily favors paving stones in New Brunswick's punishing freeze-thaw climate.

For the initial installation on a typical 300 square foot patio, you're looking at \$3,600-\$6,000 for stamped concrete versus \$4,500-\$7,500 for quality paving stones. That \$900-\$1,500 difference seems significant upfront, but New Brunswick's 150+ annual freeze-thaw cycles change the economics dramatically over time.

Stamped concrete maintenance costs in NB are substantial and unavoidable. The decorative surface is vulnerable to spalling and scaling as water penetrates the stamped texture, freezes, and pops off pieces of the surface. You'll need professional resealing every 2-3 years at \$2-\$4 per square foot (\$600-\$1,200 for a 300 sq ft patio). More problematically, stamped concrete that develops cracks or surface damage can't be spot-repaired — the entire section often needs resurfacing or replacement to maintain the pattern integrity. Major repairs typically run \$8-\$15 per square foot, and it's nearly impossible to match the original color and texture perfectly.

Paving stones, by contrast, are virtually maintenance-free in Maritime conditions. Individual stones can shift slightly with frost heave, but this movement actually helps the system accommodate ground movement without cracking. If a stone cracks or stains, you replace just that stone — not the entire patio. The main maintenance is re-sanding joints every 3-5 years (\$0.50-\$1.00 per square foot) and occasional power washing. Quality concrete pavers with proper installation easily last 25-40 years in NB with minimal intervention.

The 15-year total cost comparison tells the real story. Stamped concrete: \$6,000 initial + \$3,000 in resealing + \$2,000 in repairs = \$11,000. Paving stones: \$7,500 initial + \$500 in maintenance = \$8,000. The paving stones save you \$3,000 over 15 years while providing better durability, easier repairs, and superior performance in Moncton's freeze-thaw cycles.

For Moncton specifically, consider that the Petitcodiac River valley creates additional moisture and temperature fluctuations that are particularly hard on decorative concrete surfaces. The salt air from the Bay of Fundy, combined with road salt splash from nearby streets, accelerates the deterioration of stamped concrete sealers.

If you're set on the stamped concrete look, ensure your contractor uses air-entrained concrete (mandatory for NB exterior work), applies a high-quality penetrating sealer, and creates proper drainage away from the patio. But for the best long-term value in New Brunswick's climate, quality paving stones are the smarter investment.

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How much does a concrete driveway cost in Moncton NB in 2026?

A concrete driveway in Moncton typically costs between \$4,500 and \$9,000 for a standard two-car driveway in 2026, with the final price depending on size, finish type, site conditions, and whether the old driveway needs to be removed first.

For a broom-finish concrete driveway — the most common and durable choice — expect to pay **\$8–\$15 per square foot fully installed** in the Moncton area. A standard two-car driveway runs 400–600 square feet, so the total installed cost lands in the \$4,000–\$8,000 range. If you want a more decorative finish, stamped concrete runs \$12–\$20 per square foot and exposed aggregate falls in the \$10–\$16 per square foot range.

If your existing driveway needs to come out first, add \$2–\$5 per square foot for removal and disposal. Gravel base preparation — typically 6 inches of compacted granular A — adds another \$2–\$4 per square foot if the subgrade needs work. These costs are real and often glossed over in ballpark quotes, so always ask whether the quote includes excavation, base preparation, and removal of the old material.

NB's climate makes concrete specification critically important. Moncton experiences over 150 freeze-thaw cycles per year, and any concrete driveway poured here must use **air-entrained mix** (4–7% air content, 25–32 MPa). Non-air-entrained concrete exposed to Moncton winters will begin spalling and scaling within 3–7 years. It costs \$10–\$20 more per cubic yard but extends the driveway's life from under a decade to 25–40 years. A penetrating silane/siloxane sealer applied within the first year and every 2–3 years afterward is also essential for protecting against the salt-laden slush that comes off Moncton streets from November through April.

The best time to pour is **May through September**. June and July book up fast with Moncton contractors — get your quotes in April if you want a summer pour date. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with local Moncton concrete contractors for free** to get 3+ quotes and compare. Prices in the NB market can vary 30–50% between contractors for identical scope, so multiple quotes are always worthwhile.

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Q5

What is the average cost per square foot to pour a concrete driveway in New Brunswick?

The average cost to pour a concrete driveway in New Brunswick is \$8–\$15 per square foot fully installed for a standard broom finish, which works out to \$4,000–\$9,000 for a typical two-car driveway.

That per-square-foot price includes labour, a standard air-entrained ready-mix concrete, gravel base preparation, wire mesh or rebar reinforcement, forming, finishing, and control joint cutting. What it typically does not include is removal of an existing driveway (\$2–\$5/sq ft extra) or premium finishes. If you want stamped concrete, budget \$12–\$20 per square foot. Exposed aggregate runs \$10–\$16 per square foot. These decorative finishes require specialized labour and materials, which is why they cost more.

Thickness matters significantly in NB. A residential driveway should be poured at 5–6 inches thick — not the 4-inch minimum sometimes quoted on estimates. NB's frost heave forces and the weight of vehicles demand adequate depth. Contractors who bid low often plan to pour thin — always confirm thickness in writing before signing.

Ready-mix concrete itself runs **\$190–\$240 per cubic yard delivered** in NB for air-entrained mix. A 500-square-foot driveway poured at 5 inches uses roughly 7.7 cubic yards — so material alone is \$1,460–\$1,850, before labour, base, or forming costs. This illustrates why per-square-foot pricing for a complete install represents real value, not padding.

NB concrete prices are **approximately 10–20% below the national Canadian average**, but they have climbed with fuel costs and material prices since 2023. Prices in Fredericton, Saint John, and Moncton are fairly consistent; rural areas may cost slightly more due to travel and longer concrete hauls. Get at least three quotes — prices vary 30–50% between NB contractors for the same scope. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with local contractors at no charge** so you can compare apples-to-apples quotes.

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Q6

How much does stamped concrete cost compared to regular concrete in NB?

Stamped concrete costs roughly 50–100% more than plain broom-finish concrete in New Brunswick.

Broom-finish runs \$8–\$15 per square foot installed; stamped concrete runs \$12–\$20 per square foot for most residential projects.

The price gap exists because stamped concrete requires specialized tools (pattern stamps, texture rollers), integral colour or colour hardener, a release agent to prevent stamps from sticking, and significantly more skilled labour. The stamping window — the time between when the concrete is firm enough to stamp without sinking and when it's too hard to accept the impression — is measured in minutes, not hours. Experienced stamping crews know exactly when to move and work fast. For a 300-square-foot patio, that could mean a \$600–\$1,500 premium over plain concrete for the same square footage. On a 600-square-foot driveway, the premium climbs to \$1,200–\$3,000 or more.

In New Brunswick's climate, stamped concrete carries additional long-term costs to factor in. The colour hardener surface layer that gives stamped concrete its colour and texture can be vulnerable to NB's 150+ annual freeze-thaw cycles if not properly sealed and maintained. An **acrylic or polyurethane sealer** should be applied within the first month after the pour and reapplied annually or every two years, especially on driveways that see road salt. Budget \$1–\$3 per square foot per sealing application. Skipping sealers on stamped concrete in NB leads to fading colour, surface spalling, and a surface that looks much worse than plain concrete would.

Stamped concrete also requires the same air-entrained mix as any exterior concrete in NB — this is non-negotiable regardless of finish type. Any contractor who says air entrainment isn't necessary for stamped concrete because "it has a sealer on it" is not someone you should trust with the project.

For homeowners in Moncton, Fredericton, or Saint John looking at stamped concrete for a patio or entryway, the results can be genuinely beautiful. Just go in with realistic expectations about maintenance. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with experienced stamped concrete contractors in your area** — this is not the right project for a crew doing it for the first time.

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What is the price to pour a new concrete patio in Fredericton?

A new concrete patio in Fredericton costs between \$2,500 and \$7,000 for most residential projects, with the range reflecting differences in size, finish choice, and site conditions. On a per-square-foot basis, expect \$10–\$18 for a standard broom finish and \$12–\$20 for a stamped or decorative finish.

A 200-square-foot patio (roughly 14 x 14 feet) with a broom finish and proper base preparation lands in the \$2,500–\$3,500 range. A 400-square-foot patio (20 x 20 feet) with a decorative stamped finish can push \$6,000–\$8,000 once you add colour, stamping labour, and sealer. These numbers include gravel base preparation, forming, air-entrained concrete, wire mesh reinforcement, control joints, and basic finishing.

Fredericton-specific considerations: The city sits in the Saint John River valley, and many Fredericton properties — especially those in lower-lying areas of Marysville, Devon, or downtown — have higher water table and soil moisture than homeowners realize. Proper drainage planning before a patio pour matters more than people think. The patio surface should slope a minimum of 1/8 inch per foot away from the house foundation to direct rainwater and snowmelt away from the basement. Poor drainage is a leading cause of basement moisture problems in Fredericton homes.

Fredericton's frost depth of approximately **4 feet** applies to structural footings, not patios — a freestanding patio slab is a floating slab that moves slightly with seasonal frost. That's normal and expected. What causes problems is when a patio slab is poured against the house foundation without a proper isolation joint, locking the two structures together so frost movement in the patio cracks the foundation parging or, in severe cases, pulls on the foundation wall itself.

The optimal pouring season in Fredericton is **May through September**. Fredericton's continental climate means spring comes a little later inland than in coastal Moncton or Saint John, so early May pours may still have frost risk in northern-facing shaded areas. **Get matched with a Fredericton concrete contractor through New Brunswick Concrete** — a free service that connects you with local professionals who know the area's soil conditions and microclimates.

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How much does foundation repair cost in New Brunswick?

Foundation repair costs in New Brunswick range from \$500 for a simple crack injection to \$25,000 or more for major structural repairs or full exterior waterproofing on one wall. The price varies enormously based on the type of damage, the repair method, and how far the problem has progressed.

Crack injection is the most common foundation repair. A single crack injected with polyurethane or epoxy foam from the interior runs \$500–\$1,500 per crack, depending on length and severity. Polyurethane is better for active leaks because it expands and seals against water; epoxy is stronger and suits structural cracks in dry conditions. Most homeowners with a single leaking crack in a poured concrete wall in Saint John, Fredericton, or Moncton are looking at a \$600–\$1,200 repair.

Exterior waterproofing — digging down to the footing on the outside of the wall, applying a waterproofing membrane, installing new weeping tile and gravel drainage, then backfilling — is the most thorough and longest-lasting solution. It costs \$5,000–\$15,000 per wall depending on excavation depth, access, and whether the weeping tile system needs replacement throughout. This scope is significant but eliminates the source of hydrostatic pressure rather than just managing the symptoms.

Interior drainage systems (a perimeter drain channel, sump pit, and sump pump) cost \$5,000–\$15,000 for a full basement perimeter and are less invasive than exterior excavation. They do not stop water from entering the wall, but they intercept and redirect it before it reaches the basement floor.

NB-specific context: New Brunswick's spring thaw — typically late March through May — is when foundation leaks are most likely to appear or worsen. Snowmelt combined with still-frozen subsoil creates significant surface water with nowhere to drain except against foundation walls. River valley communities like Fredericton and Miramichi face especially high spring water table conditions. Addressing foundation drainage before the next winter is always more cost-effective than letting seasonal cycles worsen the damage year over year.

Foundation assessment and repair is never a DIY project. Get a professional assessment before committing to any repair method. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with foundation repair professionals in your area at no charge.**

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What is the cost to replace a basement floor in Saint John NB?

Replacing a basement floor in Saint John typically costs \$8–\$14 per square foot fully installed, putting a 600-square-foot basement floor replacement in the \$4,800–\$8,400 range. For a full 800–1,000 square foot basement, budget \$6,500–\$14,000 depending on conditions encountered.

That price range covers breaking out the old slab with a jackhammer, hauling away the debris, re-grading and compacting the gravel sub-base, pouring a new 4-inch reinforced concrete slab, and basic finishing. What can push costs higher includes significant sub-base issues (old fill, organic material, or an inadequate base that needs rebuilding), adding a drainage membrane or vapour barrier beneath the new slab, or raising the slab height to improve headroom.

Saint John-specific considerations are significant. Saint John sits on the Bay of Fundy and has some of the most variable and high water table conditions in NB. Many older homes in the South End, North End, and Loch Lomond areas have basement floors that sit at or near the water table seasonally. If a basement floor is lifted, cracked, or showing hydrostatic pressure (water seeping up through the floor rather than through walls), simply replacing the slab without addressing the drainage will result in the same problem within a few years.

Before quoting a floor replacement, a reputable contractor will check whether a **sub-slab drainage system** (a dimple mat or perforated pipe in gravel connected to a sump) is warranted. Adding this drainage layer during floor replacement costs \$2–\$5 per square foot more but is far cheaper than doing it after the new slab is poured. If you're already tearing up the floor, it's the right time to address drainage permanently.

Permits are not typically required for replacing a basement floor in the same footprint, but if you're adding a sump pit, egress windows, or converting the basement to living space, permits apply. Always check with Saint John Building Inspection Services. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with basement floor specialists in the Saint John area** — a free service with no obligation.

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How much does a concrete retaining wall cost per linear foot in New Brunswick?

A poured concrete retaining wall in New Brunswick costs \$25–\$50 per linear foot per foot of wall height, so a 3-foot-tall wall running 30 linear feet would cost roughly \$2,250–\$4,500. Concrete block (CMU) walls run \$20–\$40 per linear foot per foot of height. For walls over 4 feet requiring engineering, expect \$40–\$75 per linear foot per foot of height, inclusive of engineered drawings.

To make that more concrete: a typical residential retaining wall that holds back a 3-foot grade change and runs 40 feet across a backyard would cost \$3,000–\$6,000 for a poured concrete or block wall, and \$4,800–\$9,000 for an engineered wall system if it exceeds the 4-foot permit threshold.

NB building code and permit requirements matter here. Retaining walls with an exposed height greater than 4 feet (1.2 metres) typically require a building permit and engineered drawings in New Brunswick. The engineer's fee alone can add \$500–\$1,500 to the project cost, but it's not optional — an under-designed retaining wall holds back tonnes of soil plus the hydrostatic pressure of groundwater, and they fail suddenly and completely. The engineering cost is cheap insurance.

Drainage is the critical factor in NB retaining wall longevity. Without adequate drainage behind the wall, hydrostatic water pressure during spring thaw and rainfall events will push any wall — concrete, block, or timber — forward and eventually cause failure. Proper retaining walls include a granular drainage layer behind the wall, weeping tile at the base, and weep holes through the wall face. This drainage layer adds cost but is non-negotiable in NB's climate.

Frost depth is equally important. Retaining wall footings must extend below the 4-foot frost line in most of NB to prevent the footing from heaving in winter. A wall that sits on a frost-susceptible footing will rock forward and back with each winter, loosening its base and eventually tipping. Get quotes from contractors who specify footing depth in writing. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with retaining wall contractors in your area** through the New Brunswick Construction Network.

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What is the average cost of a new residential foundation in NB?

A new full poured concrete basement foundation for a residential home in New Brunswick costs \$15,000–\$40,000 depending on the size of the footprint, depth, soil conditions, and regional location. For a typical 1,200-square-foot ranch or bungalow footprint, the realistic range is \$18,000–\$32,000 in 2025–2026 pricing.

This price covers excavation, forming and pouring the footings and foundation walls, waterproofing membrane on the exterior, weeping tile installation, backfill, and rough window wells. It does not typically include interior finishing, sump pump installation, insulation, or the basement floor slab, which adds another \$3,000–\$8,000 for a full basement floor at \$6–\$10 per square foot.

The single biggest variable in NB foundation cost is soil and site conditions. Ledge rock — common in parts of Saint John, Fredericton, and areas of Fundy coastline — can double excavation costs when blasting or chisel work is required. High water table conditions in river valley communities like Miramichi or coastal Shediac add dewatering costs and may require deeper drainage systems. Sandy or fill-laden soils may require engineered footings wider than standard to distribute load safely.

NB frost depth requirements drive foundation depth. All structural footings must extend to at least 4 feet (1.2 metres) below finished grade across most of NB, with 4.5–5 feet required in colder areas like Bathurst and Edmundston. This frost depth requirement, combined with the need for habitable basement headroom (typically 7.5–8 feet), means NB basement excavations are commonly 8–9 feet deep — significant earthwork that affects cost.

A poured concrete foundation provides better water resistance and structural integrity than a concrete block foundation, which is why virtually all new residential construction in NB uses poured walls. ICF (Insulated Concrete Form) foundations cost 15–25% more than conventional poured walls but provide superior insulation and are increasingly popular in NB for energy efficiency. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with experienced foundation contractors** for your project through the New Brunswick Construction Network.

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How much does concrete sidewalk replacement cost in Dieppe NB?

Replacing a concrete sidewalk in Dieppe costs \$8–\$12 per square foot fully installed for a standard broom-finish walk, putting a typical front walkway (50–100 sq ft) in the \$600–\$1,200 range. A longer property-side walk or driveway apron walk of 150–200 square feet runs \$1,500–\$2,500.

The price includes breaking out and removing the old concrete, re-grading the gravel base, pouring a new 4-inch air-entrained slab with control joints, and broom finishing. Removal and disposal of old concrete adds \$2–\$5 per square foot to any project where old material exists — and in established Dieppe neighbourhoods, most properties already have concrete walks that need to come out first.

In Dieppe and the greater Moncton area, the biggest sidewalk problem is frost heave. The clay-heavy soils in many parts of Greater Moncton and Dieppe retain moisture and are highly susceptible to frost lifting. Sections of walk that cross areas with poor drainage, tree roots near the surface, or inadequate granular base are particularly prone to heaving and cracking. A reputable contractor will address subgrade drainage and ensure a proper compacted gravel base (minimum 6 inches) before the pour — this is what separates a sidewalk that lasts 30 years from one that heaves and cracks within five.

Control joints — the intentional grooves cut or tooled across the walk every 4–5 feet — are essential for managing cracking in NB's climate. Without them, concrete shrinks and expands with temperature and moisture changes and cracks wherever it wants to. With properly spaced control joints, cracking is guided to the joints and remains manageable.

Replacing a sidewalk in the same footprint generally does not require a building permit in Dieppe, but a new driveway approach connecting to a street requires a driveway permit from the City of Dieppe or NB Department of Transportation for provincial roads. When in doubt, a quick call to the city confirms what approvals apply. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with local sidewalk contractors in the Dieppe and Greater Moncton**

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What is the price of ready-mix concrete per cubic yard in New Brunswick?

Ready-mix concrete in New Brunswick is priced between \$180 and \$260 per cubic yard delivered in 2025–2026, depending on the mix specification, delivery distance, and order volume. Standard 25 MPa (3,500 PSI) mix runs \$180–\$220 per yard, while air-entrained exterior-grade mix (25–32 MPa) costs \$190–\$240 per yard.

Air-entrained mix costs \$10–\$20 more per yard than standard mix, but it is mandatory for any concrete exposed to NB's freeze-thaw cycles — driveways, patios, walkways, steps, porches, and exterior slabs. The small premium is the best money you can spend on an outdoor concrete project in New Brunswick. High-early strength mix (32+ MPa) for cold weather pours or fast-turnaround commercial work runs \$210–\$260 per yard. Fibre-reinforced mix adds \$15–\$30 per yard for synthetic polypropylene fibre or \$30–\$50 per yard for steel fibre.

Short-load surcharges apply when you order less than the minimum load — typically 3–4 cubic yards in NB. If your project requires less than a full truck load, expect a surcharge of \$75–\$150. This is why small projects (fence post footings, small repair pads) often use bagged Bomix or Quikrete from the lumber yard instead of ready-mix. Bagged mix runs \$5–\$8 per 30 kg bag at NB building supply stores and makes about 0.5 cubic feet — perfectly fine for small sonotubes or patching, but not practical or economical for slabs or foundations.

For reference on volume: one cubic yard covers 80 square feet at 4 inches thick, 65 square feet at 5 inches thick, or 54 square feet at 6 inches thick. A 500-square-foot driveway at 5 inches deep requires roughly 7.7 cubic yards, so material cost alone is approximately \$1,460–\$1,850 before labour, forming, or base preparation.

NB has ready-mix plants serving all major centres — Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John, Bathurst, Miramichi, and Campbellton. Rural delivery may incur additional charges for long hauls, as concrete has a working life of roughly 90 minutes in the drum. In warm weather this window shortens, so timing and site access matter.

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How much does it cost to seal a concrete driveway in NB?

Professional concrete driveway sealing in New Brunswick costs \$1–\$3 per square foot, putting a typical two-car driveway (400–600 sq ft) at \$400–\$1,800 depending on the sealer type and prep work required. DIY sealing with materials from a NB building supply store costs \$150–\$400 in materials for the same driveway.

The type of sealer makes a significant difference in both price and performance. A penetrating silane/siloxane sealer is the best choice for NB driveways — it soaks into the concrete surface and repels water without changing the appearance, and it lasts 2–5 years before reapplication. Penetrating sealers run \$40–\$80 per gallon and cover 150–300 square feet per gallon. An acrylic sealer adds a light sheen and enhances the colour of decorative concrete but is less durable in NB's freeze-thaw conditions — it can peel and flake within 1–2 years without annual reapplication.

Sealing is not optional in New Brunswick — it is essential. NB roads are salted heavily from November through April, and salt-laden slush splashes onto driveways every winter. De-icing salt creates more freeze-thaw cycles at the concrete surface than ambient temperature alone would produce. An unsealed driveway in NB will begin scaling and spalling noticeably within 5–10 years. A properly sealed driveway can last 30–40 years with proper maintenance.

New concrete should not be sealed immediately — wait a minimum of **28–30 days** after the pour before applying a penetrating sealer, and longer is better. The concrete needs time to fully cure before sealing. Some acrylic sealers designed as curing and sealing compounds can be applied earlier, but penetrating sealers should wait a full cure cycle.

Surface preparation before sealing matters. The driveway should be clean and free of oil stains, efflorescence, or old peeling sealer. Pressure washing and applying a concrete degreaser to oil spots before sealing ensures the sealer bonds properly. A sealer applied over contamination will peel. DIY sealing is one of the more accessible concrete maintenance tasks for NB homeowners — it just requires a roller or sprayer, a clean dry surface, and mild weather above 10°C.

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What is the cost to pour new front steps in Moncton?

New concrete front steps in Moncton cost \$1,500–\$4,000 for a typical 3-to-5-step configuration with a landing, with most residential projects landing in the \$1,800–\$3,000 range. Larger or more elaborate entry porches with decorative finishes can push \$5,000–\$8,000.

The wide price range reflects real differences in scope. A simple 3-step stoop leading to a side door with a small landing is at the lower end. A wide, sweeping 5-step entry with a 6-foot-wide landing, integral colour, and a broom texture finish is at the higher end. Stamped concrete steps with custom patterns and colour hardener add significant cost — both in materials and in the skilled finishing labour required.

Front steps in Moncton are subjected to some of the harshest freeze-thaw stress of any residential concrete element. They're exposed on all sides, they hold snow and ice, and they're salted by homeowners all winter. Steps that were poured with non-air-entrained concrete, or poured thin at the edges, fail dramatically in NB — corners chip off, treads scale, and risers crack. Quality steps require **air-entrained 32 MPa mix** (higher strength than a driveway), proper forming that delivers consistent 4-inch minimum thickness throughout including the nosing edge, and a penetrating sealer applied before the first winter.

Another common failure point in Moncton is step settlement. When the old steps are removed and new ones poured, the soil beneath is disturbed. If it's not properly recompactd or if organic fill was used in the original backfill, the new steps will settle and tilt away from the house within a few years. A good contractor will pack granular fill tightly and may form a small footer pad at the base of the steps for stability.

Front step repair and replacement doesn't typically require a building permit in Moncton for residential replacement in the same footprint, but confirm with the City of Moncton Building Inspection if you're adding a new ramp, widening significantly, or changing the grade relationship with the entryway. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with experienced step contractors in Moncton** — a free service with no obligation.

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How much does epoxy garage floor coating cost in New Brunswick?

Professional epoxy garage floor coating in New Brunswick costs \$4–\$8 per square foot installed, putting a standard two-car garage (400–500 sq ft) in the \$1,600–\$4,000 range. DIY epoxy kits available at NB hardware stores cost \$150–\$400 in materials for the same area — but the results and longevity differ considerably.

Professional coating systems use commercial-grade two-part epoxy or, increasingly, polyaspartic coatings that are more durable and cure faster. The labour-intensive part is surface preparation: the concrete must be mechanically ground (not just acid-etched) to open the surface pores and ensure proper adhesion. Without adequate surface prep, epoxy peels within months. Professional crews use floor grinders and apply multiple coats — a base coat, colour flakes (optional), and a clear topcoat. The result is a seamless, durable surface that resists oil, salt, and abrasion.

NB garages create specific challenges for epoxy coatings. During winter, vehicles bring in salt-laden slush from NB roads, and that chloride-rich water sits on the garage floor while cars drip. Salt attacks epoxy coatings from below when moisture in the concrete drives upward pressure (hydrostatic vapour). **New concrete must cure for at least 30 days** before any coating is applied — many homeowners make the mistake of coating a new garage floor immediately and the coating bubbles and peels.

Polyaspartic coatings (\$6–\$12 per square foot professionally installed) are now the preferred choice over traditional epoxy for NB garages because they cure in hours rather than days, handle temperature extremes better, resist UV yellowing, and are less susceptible to moisture vapour transmission. The higher upfront cost is generally worth it for a garage floor that will see NB winters year after year.

DIY epoxy kits are a reasonable option for homeowners who are meticulous about surface preparation and have a dry, warm (above 15°C) week for application and cure. Read the moisture test instructions on the kit — applying over a damp slab is the single biggest cause of peeling. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with floor coating professionals** in your area through the New Brunswick Construction Network.

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Q17

What is the price difference between mudjacking and poly levelling in NB?

Mudjacking costs \$3–\$6 per square foot in New Brunswick, while poly levelling (foam injection) runs \$5–\$10 per square foot — meaning poly levelling is roughly 50–80% more expensive per square foot for similar scope. Both methods lift settled concrete slabs without full replacement, but they differ in material, longevity, and application.

Mudjacking (also called slab jacking or grout pumping) works by drilling 1.5–2-inch holes through the settled slab and pumping a slurry of cement, soil, and water under pressure to fill voids and lift the slab. It's been used in NB for decades, uses locally sourced materials, and is well understood by the contractors who do it. The holes are patched after lifting. The limitation in NB is the slurry's weight — it adds significant mass to the problem area, and if the subsoil is soft or saturated (common in spring thaw conditions in Moncton, Fredericton, and river valley areas), the added weight can cause re-settling over time.

Poly levelling (polyurethane foam injection) drills smaller 5/8-inch holes and injects two-part expanding polyurethane foam that fills voids, expands, and lifts the slab with precision. The foam is lightweight (about 4 lbs per cubic foot versus 100+ lbs per cubic foot for mudjack slurry), cures in 15–30 minutes, and can be driven on within an hour. For driveways, patios, and sidewalks in NB, the lighter weight means less risk of re-settlement and better performance around foundation areas where added weight is a concern.

For NB homeowners, the price premium for poly levelling is often worth it for driveways, pool decks, and any slab near the foundation. Mudjacking remains a cost-effective choice for large areas like sunken parking pads, commercial walks, or warehouse floors where the cost difference is significant at scale.

Neither method is a DIY project — both require specialized pumping equipment and experience reading how a slab responds during lifting. Lifting too much or in the wrong sequence cracks the slab. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with experienced concrete levelling contractors in your area** at no charge.

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How much should I budget for a concrete porch replacement in Fredericton?

Budget \$2,000–\$6,000 for a concrete porch replacement in Fredericton for a typical residential front porch. On a per-square-foot basis, a poured concrete porch runs \$15–\$30 per square foot fully installed — more than a flat driveway or patio because of the height, forming complexity, and structural considerations involved.

A 6 x 10-foot entry porch with a set of 3 steps is in the \$2,500–\$4,500 range with a broom finish. Add decorative stamped concrete, integral colour, or an elaborate multi-level design and the price climbs to \$5,000–\$9,000.

Removal of the old porch (concrete breaking, haul-away) typically adds \$500–\$1,500 depending on thickness and access.

Front porches in Fredericton face the full force of NB's freeze-thaw cycles from multiple angles — top surface, risers, underside if elevated, and the edges, which are the first to deteriorate. The most common failure mode is corner and nosing spalling on steps, followed by surface scaling on the porch deck. Both are preventable with proper mix design (air-entrained, 32 MPa minimum), adequate thickness (no thinner than 4 inches anywhere including step nosings), and regular penetrating sealer application.

Structural concerns for elevated porches: If your porch sits on its own footings rather than resting on grade, those footings must extend below the 4-foot frost line — a requirement that adds excavation depth and cost. Footings that sit above the frost line will heave in Fredericton winters, causing the porch to rock and crack away from the house entry. If the old porch is showing this kind of movement, the footing depth is likely the root cause and must be corrected with the replacement, not just patched over.

Fredericton's **spring (May–June) and late summer (August–September)** are the most popular times for porch replacements. Book your quotes in March and April for a summer pour date — Fredericton concrete contractors are busy during the short pouring season. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with experienced porch contractors in the Fredericton area** — free to use, no obligation.

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What is the cost of foundation waterproofing in New Brunswick?

Foundation waterproofing in New Brunswick costs \$5,000–\$15,000 per exterior wall for a full exterior excavation and membrane system, or \$5,000–\$15,000 for a full interior perimeter drainage system with sump pump. Smaller crack injection repairs run \$500–\$1,500 per crack for targeted fixes.

The right approach depends entirely on the type and severity of the water problem — and that diagnosis should come from a professional inspection, not a guess. The three main approaches are:

Exterior waterproofing involves excavating the soil away from the foundation wall down to the footing, cleaning the wall, applying a waterproofing membrane (spray-applied rubberized asphalt or dimple mat system), installing new weeping tile in gravel at the footing, and backfilling. This is the most permanent solution because it stops water at the source before it ever reaches the wall. Cost is higher because of excavation — a typical Saint John or Fredericton home requires a significant excavation in a tight backyard space. Expect \$5,000–\$15,000 per wall affected, more for larger homes or difficult access.

Interior drainage systems channel water that enters through the wall or floor to a collection point rather than stopping it from entering. A perimeter drain channel is cut into the basement floor around the perimeter, a sump pit is installed, and a sump pump ejects the water away from the house. Cost is typically \$5,000–\$15,000 for a full basement perimeter. Interior systems are less disruptive than exterior excavation and are the right choice when exterior access is impractical (finished landscaping, decks, attached garages).

Crack injection is appropriate for a single or few isolated cracks causing leaks in an otherwise dry basement. Polyurethane injection (\$500–\$1,500 per crack) expands and seals active leaks effectively.

In NB, the timing of water infiltration gives clues about the cause. Water that appears during spring thaw suggests weeping tile failure or high water table. Water that appears only during heavy rain suggests surface drainage problems. Both require different solutions. Never commit to an expensive repair without understanding the cause first. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with foundation specialists in your area** through the New Brunswick Construction Network.

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How much does exposed aggregate concrete cost per square foot in NB?

Exposed aggregate concrete costs \$10–\$16 per square foot fully installed in New Brunswick, compared to \$8–\$15 per square foot for standard broom-finish concrete. The premium reflects the extra labour involved in washing and exposing the aggregate surface before the concrete fully cures.

For a 400-square-foot driveway, exposed aggregate runs \$4,000–\$6,400 versus \$3,200–\$6,000 for broom finish — a difference of \$400–\$1,500 for the same area depending on aggregate choice and the complexity of the finish. A 300-square-foot patio with a seeded aggregate finish and a coloured border runs \$3,500–\$5,500 with most NB contractors.

How it's done: The freshest-poured surface concrete is retarded (a chemical retarder is applied or used in the top layer) to slow the surface cure while the bulk of the slab cures normally. At the right time — typically 6–24 hours later — the contractor pressure washes the surface to remove the thin cement paste layer and expose the decorative aggregate below. The aggregate itself can be standard crushed granite (grey tones), river stone (rounded, multi-colour), or specialty coloured stone for premium finishes.

Exposed aggregate performs very well in NB's climate when properly executed. The textured surface provides excellent traction on wet and icy surfaces — better than smooth broom finish — making it popular for Moncton and Fredericton driveways and front walks. The critical requirement is the same as all exterior NB concrete: **air-entrained mix is mandatory**. The aggregate layer itself is well-bonded when properly done, but if the concrete matrix beneath doesn't have adequate air entrainment (4–7%), the surface will still scale under NB's freeze-thaw cycles and aggregate will pop loose.

A quality penetrating sealer is also important for exposed aggregate — it protects the stone and cement matrix from salt and water infiltration. Seal within 28–30 days of the pour and reapply every 2–3 years. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with decorative concrete specialists in your area** through the New Brunswick Construction Network.

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What is the average cost to pour a garage floor slab in Riverview NB?

Pouring a new garage floor slab in Riverview costs \$3,000–\$5,000 for a standard two-car garage (400–500 square feet), or \$6–\$10 per square foot fully installed. A single-car garage floor (200–250 sq ft) runs \$1,500–\$2,500.

That price includes gravel base preparation (typically 6 inches of compacted granular fill), vapour barrier, wire mesh or rebar reinforcement, a 4-inch air-entrained concrete slab, control joints, and a broom finish. If the garage is on an existing foundation and the old floor needs to be removed first, add \$800–\$1,500 for breaking and hauling. Adding a floor drain requires coordination with the pour and adds \$300–\$600 depending on the tie-in.

Riverview-specific context: Riverview sits across the Petitcodiac River from Moncton and shares similar soil conditions — a mix of marine clay and glacial till in many areas. Clay-heavy subsoil is the enemy of garage floor slabs because it retains moisture and has poor load-bearing capacity when wet. Before pouring, any organic material (topsoil, roots, wood) must be removed and replaced with compacted granular fill. A vapour barrier (6-mil polyethylene) beneath the slab is important in Riverview — without it, ground moisture wicks through the concrete and creates a perpetually damp garage floor that makes epoxy coatings peel.

Thickness recommendations: A 4-inch slab is the minimum for a garage floor. If the garage is used to store heavy equipment, a truck, or a trailer, 5 inches with proper rebar (rather than wire mesh) provides significantly better load distribution. The cost difference between 4 and 5 inches on a two-car garage is roughly one additional cubic yard of concrete — about \$200–\$240 — and it's worth every dollar for the added strength.

New garage slab pours in Riverview are best timed for **May through September**. If a heated garage is already in place, late-season pours are possible with cold weather protection. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you**

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How much does concrete curbing cost per foot in New Brunswick?

Landscape concrete curbing in New Brunswick costs \$6–\$12 per linear foot installed, with most residential projects in the 50–150 linear foot range landing between \$600 and \$1,500. Larger commercial or estate projects with extensive curbing may negotiate lower unit pricing at volume.

This price covers machine-extruded concrete curbing — the most common type for residential landscape edging in NB. A curbing machine extrudes a continuous bead of concrete into a formed shape (mow curb, slant, barrier, or colonial profiles are typical choices). The curb is placed directly onto prepared ground, typically on a shallow compacted gravel base. Integral colour is usually included in the per-foot price or available for \$1–\$2 per linear foot extra.

What makes concrete curbing popular in NB: It creates a clean, permanent separation between lawn and garden beds, eliminates constant edging, and stays in place unlike plastic or aluminum edging products. It's also low maintenance — the main care requirement is a penetrating sealer every few years to prevent the concrete from absorbing moisture and freeze-thaw cycling at the surface.

Durability considerations for NB winters: Landscape curbing is relatively thin — typically 3–4 inches at the base and 5–6 inches tall — which makes it more vulnerable to frost heave than thicker concrete elements. A well-prepared granular base and proper drainage reduce heave risk, but some seasonal movement is normal for curbing over NB's freeze-thaw cycles. This is generally cosmetic — a slightly shifted section can be reset by a contractor — rather than structural. Curbing that has completely cracked or lifted significantly may have been installed without adequate base preparation.

Landscape curbing does not require a building permit in NB municipalities. Installation typically takes a day for a full residential property. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with landscape curbing installers in your area** through the New Brunswick Construction Network — this is a good time of year to get early-season quotes for May installation when the ground has thawed.

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What is the total cost to remove and replace an old concrete driveway in Saint John?

The total cost to remove and replace an old concrete driveway in Saint John ranges from \$6,000 to \$14,000 for a standard two-car driveway, combining removal, disposal, base preparation, and new concrete installation. Breaking it down: removal and disposal runs \$2–\$5 per square foot, and new concrete installation runs \$8–\$15 per square foot, so a 500-square-foot driveway totals \$10–\$20 per square foot all-in, or \$5,000–\$10,000.

Don't overlook the demolition cost. Old concrete doesn't just disappear — it takes jackhammers, a bobcat or excavator, a trailer, and a disposal fee. Thick driveways (6-inch or older-style 7-inch slabs), reinforced concrete, or driveways with steep grade changes cost more to remove than thin, flat slabs. Some contractors include removal in their installed per-square-foot price; others quote it separately. Always confirm whether demo and haul-away are in the quote.

Saint John-specific factors: Saint John's terrain is famously varied — from flat areas in the East Side and McAllister Drive corridor to steeply sloped properties in the North End, West Side, and along the Bay of Fundy coastline. Steeply sloped driveways require more complex forming and finishing to ensure proper drainage and surface uniformity, which adds labour cost. Properties with restricted access (narrow gates, mature trees, close-set houses) that prevent a concrete truck from getting close require pump trucks, which add \$600–\$1,500 to the project cost.

Saint John also has significant areas of ledge rock and variable soils from its geology on the Bay of Fundy. When old driveways are removed, occasionally the underlying conditions reveal poor fill, organic material, or inadequate base that must be corrected before the new pour — adding cost but preventing future settlement problems.

The best time to schedule a Saint John driveway replacement is **June through August** — the summer months avoid spring thaw softness in the subgrade and the early-fall cooling that complicates curing. Book quotes in April and May. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with Saint John concrete contractors** for a free estimate.

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How much does a concrete driveway cost in Saint John NB?

A standard concrete driveway in Saint John NB costs \$8-\$15 per square foot fully installed for a broom-finish surface, putting a typical two-car driveway (400-600 square feet) in the range of \$4,000-\$8,000 in 2025-2026.

Saint John's market reflects NB-average pricing -- roughly 10-20% below the national Canadian average -- but costs vary significantly based on project specifics. The single largest variables are the existing driveway condition, site access, and the concrete specification required.

Breaking down the cost components for a Saint John driveway:

Removal of existing driveway: If you have an asphalt or concrete driveway that needs to come out, expect \$2-\$5 per square foot for removal and disposal. Old asphalt removal on a 500 square foot driveway adds \$1,000-\$2,500 to the project.

Excavation and base preparation: A properly built NB driveway requires a minimum 6-inch compacted gravel base beneath the concrete. Excavation and gravel costs run \$2-\$4 per square foot depending on depth required and whether the soil is fill, clay, or rocky -- all common in the Saint John area. Budget \$1,000-\$2,000 for a typical driveway.

Concrete material: At \$190-\$240 per cubic yard for air-entrained mix (essential for Saint John's coastal and freeze-thaw conditions), a 500 square foot driveway at 5 inches thick requires approximately 7-8 cubic yards -- roughly \$1,500-\$1,900 in concrete alone.

Labour: Forming, reinforcement (wire mesh), pour, finish, control joints, and basic sealer run \$3-\$6 per square foot for the concrete crew. On a 500 square foot driveway, labour is \$1,500-\$3,000.

Putting it together: a straightforward 500 square foot driveway replacement in Saint John, with existing removal, proper base, air-entrained 25 MPa concrete, reinforcement, broom finish, and basic sealer, typically runs \$5,500-\$9,000 depending on the contractor and site conditions.

For stamped or exposed aggregate concrete, add \$4-\$6 per square foot for decorative finishing -- bringing a 500 square foot stamped driveway to \$7,000-\$12,000 or more.

Saint John-specific considerations: the city's coastal location on the Bay of Fundy means salt air is an additional stressor on concrete. Specify 30-32 MPa air-entrained concrete with a water-to-cement ratio below 0.45 for best longevity in Saint John conditions. Budget for sealing every 2-3 years as routine maintenance.

Prices fluctuate with concrete material costs, fuel, and contractor availability. **Always get 3 quotes -- prices vary 30-50% between NB contractors for identical scope.** New Brunswick Concrete can match you with qualified local contractors in the Saint John area for free.

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What is the cost to pour a concrete pad for an above-ground pool in NB?

A concrete pad for a typical above-ground pool in New Brunswick costs \$1,500-\$4,000 fully installed, depending on the size of the pool, site preparation required, and whether you are in Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John, or a rural area.

Above-ground pool pads are a popular concrete application across NB, and sizing them correctly is the first step. A standard round above-ground pool (15-18 feet in diameter) needs a pad that extends 1-2 feet beyond the pool edge -- so a 15-foot pool needs an approximately 17-18 foot pad, roughly 230-250 square feet. An oval pool typically needs a rectangular pad of proportional size plus working room. A pad that is flush with the pool edge or smaller creates trip hazards at the pool perimeter.

Typical cost breakdown for a 250 square foot pool pad in NB (2025-2026):

- **Excavation and gravel base:** Pool areas in NB require a level, compacted gravel base to drain properly and resist frost heave. Excavate 8-10 inches, add 4-6 inches of compacted granular base material: \$600-\$1,200 depending on soil and site access
- **Concrete (air-entrained 25 MPa):** A 250 sq ft pad at 4 inches thick requires approximately 3.5 cubic yards. At \$200-\$250 per yard plus short-load surcharge: \$700-\$900 in ready-mix
- **Labour (forming, pour, finish, sealer):** \$800-\$1,500 for a concrete crew on a straightforward residential pad
- **Total range:** \$2,100-\$3,600 for a typical pool pad, professionally installed

NB-specific considerations for pool pads:

The pad must be **perfectly level** -- an out-of-level base causes uneven water pressure in the pool walls and accelerates pool liner wear. For above-ground pools this matters more than for a shed pad. Have the contractor confirm level at multiple points before the pour.

Specify **air-entrained concrete** even for a pool pad. The pad will see pool water, wet feet, freeze-thaw cycles, and potentially some de-icer if it is near a walkway. Non-air-entrained concrete surfaces can scale and pit within 3-5 years in NB conditions.

In **northern NB (Bathurst, Miramichi)**, pools are often on level lawns where frost heave is more pronounced. Ensure adequate gravel base depth (6 inches compacted) to mitigate heave.

For a DIY pool pad using ready-mix and personal labour, material costs run \$1,000-\$1,500 for a 250 square foot pad -- but have your forms built, level, and inspected before the truck arrives. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with a local concrete contractor for a free estimate on your pool pad project.**

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Q26

How much does it cost to jack up a sunken concrete slab in Moncton?

Concrete slab lifting (mudjacking or polyurethane foam injection) in Moncton typically costs \$500-\$2,500 depending on the size of the sunken area, the method used, and how many injection points are required -- significantly less than slab replacement, which runs \$10-\$18 per square foot.

Sunken concrete slabs are common throughout Moncton, Dieppe, and Riverview due to our Maritime soil conditions. The clay-heavy soils in much of Greater Moncton are prone to settling and compaction under concrete slabs, particularly in areas that were previously poorly compacted fill or where tree roots have decayed and left voids. NB's freeze-thaw cycles also contribute -- water under the slab freezes, raises the slab, thaws, and the soil settles, leaving a void beneath.

Two main methods are used in the Moncton area:

Mudjacking (slabjacking): A slurry mixture of water, cement, and soil is pumped under the slab through drilled holes (1.5-2 inches in diameter) to fill voids and lift the slab. Mudjacking has been used for decades and is effective for large areas. The slurry adds significant weight and is slower to cure than foam. Cost in Moncton: \$3-\$6 per square foot, with minimum charges of \$300-\$500. A typical sunken driveway section of 100 square feet runs \$300-\$600.

Polyurethane foam injection (poly levelling): Expanding two-part polyurethane foam is injected through smaller holes (5/8 inch diameter). The foam expands rapidly, fills voids, and lifts the slab within minutes. Poly levelling is more precise than mudjacking, adds minimal weight, and cures in 15-30 minutes. It is preferred for settled garage

floors, front steps, pool decks, and areas where minimal hole size matters aesthetically. Cost in Moncton: \$5-\$10 per square foot. A 100 square foot settled section runs \$500-\$1,000.

Factors that affect cost:

- Number of injection points: Each hole drilled is a cost centre. More severe settlement or larger voids require more injections
- Slab thickness: Thicker slabs require more pressure and material to lift
- Access: Tight access between garage walls, steps, or landscaping adds time
- Amount of lift needed: A slab that has settled 2 inches costs more to lift than one that settled 1/2 inch

When lifting is not the right choice: if the slab itself is badly cracked, spalling, or structurally compromised, lifting it may not produce a worthwhile result. A concrete professional can assess whether lifting, resurfacing, or full replacement is the best value. **New Brunswick Concrete can match you with Moncton-area concrete specialists who offer slab lifting and levelling services for a free estimate.**

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What is the average cost of a stamped concrete patio in Fredericton NB?

A stamped concrete patio in Fredericton NB costs \$12-\$20 per square foot fully installed, putting a typical 300 square foot patio in the range of \$3,600-\$6,000 in 2025-2026 pricing.

Fredericton's market reflects NB-average pricing with some variation depending on contractor availability, project complexity, and the specific stamped pattern and colouring chosen. The Fredericton area has good availability of

experienced decorative concrete contractors, particularly during the peak May-September season.

What drives the cost of a stamped concrete patio in Fredericton:

Pattern and complexity: Simple single-pattern stamped concrete (a single slate or flagstone pattern) is at the lower end of the range. Multi-pattern designs, borders, banding, or geometric layouts that require careful form work and stamping coordination cost more -- often \$16-\$20 per square foot. Hand-cut pattern lines, custom layouts, and integrated seating walls add further to the price.

Colouring method: Integral colour (mixed throughout the concrete) combined with a broadcast release colour creates the most durable and realistic stamped finish. Integral colour adds \$50-\$100 per cubic yard to the concrete cost. Surface-applied stains are less expensive but may require more frequent maintenance.

Site preparation: Like any concrete flatwork, the base preparation cost is similar regardless of the surface finish. Expect \$2-\$4 per square foot for excavation and compacted granular base -- important in Fredericton where clay soils and the St. John River valley's spring water table can create soft base conditions.

Typical project costs in Fredericton (2025-2026):

- 200 sq ft small patio: \$2,400-\$4,000
- 300 sq ft standard patio: \$3,600-\$6,000
- 400 sq ft large patio with border: \$5,500-\$9,000
- 500 sq ft patio with steps and landing: \$7,000-\$12,000+

Ongoing maintenance cost for Fredericton stamped patios: resealing every 1-2 years with a quality acrylic or polyurethane sealer at \$1-\$3 per square foot applied professionally, or \$100-\$200 in DIY sealer product for a 300 square foot patio. This is a real cost to factor into your total ownership budget.

Fredericton-specific note: the river valley location means spring soil moisture is high. Ensure your contractor includes a proper gravel drainage base and that the patio grades away from your home's foundation. A patio that collects water will suffer accelerated frost heave and sealer failure. **New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with Fredericton-area stamped concrete contractors for free estimates and project consultations.**

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How much does a new concrete patio cost in Oromocto NB?

A new concrete patio in Oromocto, NB typically costs \$10 to \$18 per square foot for a standard broom-finish installation, putting a typical 200 to 300 square foot patio in the \$2,000 to \$5,400 range fully installed.

Oromocto is a smaller community near Fredericton, and pricing generally follows the Fredericton market with a modest premium for travel if the contractor is based in Fredericton proper. The Saint John River valley location means spring flooding is a consideration — if your patio site is in a low-lying area, proper grading and drainage are essential.

Here is what drives the cost of your specific project. The base price per square foot covers excavation of 6 to 8 inches to remove topsoil and organic material, installation of a compacted granular gravel base (typically 4 to 6 inches of crusher run), forming the perimeter with lumber, pouring air-entrained concrete at 4 to 5 inches thick, screeding and floating the surface, applying a broom finish, and cutting control joints. The concrete mix itself — air-entrained 25 to 32 MPa — runs \$190 to \$240 per cubic yard delivered. A 300 square foot patio at 4 inches thick needs roughly 4 cubic yards of concrete.

Size affects cost per square foot. Smaller patios (under 150 square feet) often come in at the higher end of the range — \$15 to \$18 per square foot — because mobilization costs (travel, equipment, setup) are spread over fewer square feet. Larger patios (400+ square feet) can come in at \$10 to \$14 per square foot as those fixed costs get diluted.

Finishing choices add cost. A broom finish is the base price. If you want a brushed or exposed aggregate finish, add \$2 to \$4 per square foot. Stamped concrete — which looks like stone, brick, or wood — adds \$4 to \$8 per square foot over the base price, putting a stamped patio at \$14 to \$26 per square foot. Colour (integral pigment or surface-applied colour hardener) adds \$3 to \$6 per square foot.

Additional items to budget for: removal of an existing patio or surface runs \$2 to \$5 per square foot. If the site needs significant grading or if there is poor drainage to correct, excavation costs increase. Sealing the finished patio (highly recommended in NB) adds \$1 to \$3 per square foot and should be done annually or every second year.

Get at least three quotes for your Oromocto patio project. New Brunswick Concrete can connect you with concrete contractors serving the Fredericton-Oromocto area for free.

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What is the cost per cubic yard of concrete delivery in Riverview NB?

Ready-mix concrete delivery in Riverview, NB runs approximately \$190 t \$240 per cubic yard for standard air-entrained residential mix (25 to 32 MPa), based on 2025-2026 pricing from NB ready-mix suppliers.

Riverview is served by ready-mix plants in the greater Moncton area, so you have access to a competitive market with multiple suppliers.

The price per cubic yard varies based on several factors. **Mix specification** is the primary variable — basic 25 MPa air-entrained mix for a driveway or patio is at the lower end of the range. Bump up to 32 MPa (recommended for driveways and any concrete in coastal-influenced areas of greater Moncton), high-early-strength mix, or fibre-reinforced mix, and prices increase by \$15 to \$40 per yard. Adding fibres (polypropylene or steel) typically adds \$15 to \$50 per yard depending on fibre type and dosage.

Order size has a major impact on effective cost. Ready-mix trucks in NB carry 8 to 10 cubic yards. When you order a full or near-full truck, the per-yard price is at its most competitive. For smaller orders — under 3 to 4 cubic yards — most NB suppliers charge a **short load surcharge** of \$75 to \$150. If you need only 2 cubic yards for a small patio or sidewalk section, factor in that surcharge — your effective cost per yard could be \$240 to \$315 rather than \$190 to \$240. For very small pours in Riverview, it sometimes makes sense to combine your pour with a neighbouring project, or to plan a slightly larger section to avoid the short load penalty.

Delivery is typically included in the per-yard price for reasonable distances within the Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe market. If you are in an outlying area of Albert County or if the site requires a long wait time (the truck idles while you place the concrete), additional charges may apply. Most plants allow a standard 5 to 7 minutes per cubic yard for placement — for a 5-yard pour, that is 25 to 35 minutes. Overtime standby charges typically run \$2 to \$4 per minute.

One cubic yard of concrete covers approximately:

- 80 square feet at 4 inches thick
- 65 square feet at 5 inches thick
- 55 square feet at 6 inches thick

For a typical Riverview driveway project or patio, your contractor will calculate the required volume and order from local suppliers. If you are pricing a project yourself, add 10% to your volume calculation for waste, spillage, and to ensure you have enough to finish without running short — running out mid-pour is a serious problem that forces a cold joint and weakens the slab.

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