

Stone Paver Maintenance

When it comes to keeping a driveway, pool deck, walkways, etc., ever appealing and alluring, pavers will always stand out as one of the top choices for floor layering. Generally, paving stones can withstand the taste of time, harsh weather conditions, and pressure. Their durability gives them an edge over most other outdoor flooring options.

Once installed, you will have to do a few things occasionally to keep them all new and graceful for a long while:

1. Sweep regularly

It is highly recommended that you sweep off debris on the surface of pavers, any time you can grab a broom. Furthermore, leaving wet leaves on the surface may stain the pavers

2. Rinsing with water

For additional effects, we also recommend that you rinse your paved area with water weekly. Preferably using a hose, this will, even without pressure, remove dirt and grime that may remain after you must have swept the pavers. In a case where you notice the presence of moss or mold, you may add pressure to the water, to force them off.

3. Clean With a Solution

In the case of very persistent stains, create a simple cleaning solution, by mixing a mild detergent or dish soap in a bucket of water. You may use a rag, scrub brush, or a sponge dipped in the solution to clean stained spots, using plenty of elbow grease. For oil spills, use an oil remover as soon as possible to reduce the likely hood of staining.

4. Maintenance: Replacements and Sealers

To maintain the “new” look of your pavers, you will need to reapply a sealant over the paving stones every 6-12 months. This can be done by using quality sealers of your choice over the stones, after cleaning and drying the pavers. This will go a long way to add a luster to the stones, and as well make it easier to clean the pavers. Only water is needed for cleaning paving stones after they have been sealed. This is because the sealer prevents the pavers from absorbing stains and dirt.

To maintain an even appeal across your patio, you should replace all severely damaged or stained pavers. Doing this is easy, as it can be done without affecting other stones around it. If the pavers are looking worn, applying sealers may be the first option to consider before replacement.