



## GENERAL CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAVERS

PAVER PATIOS/SIDEWALKS/DRIVEWAYS WILL PROVIDE YEARS OF LOW MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE. BELOW ARE BEST PRACTICES FOR THE CARE OF YOUR PAVERS AFTER THEY ARE INSTALLED. PLEASE CONTACT ASPEN WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING YOUR PAVERS.

### SEALING:

Your pavers have been cleaned & sealed by the Aspen team. Sealers are commonly used to enhance/deepen the color of the pavers and to provide additional protection from staining materials. It is recommended to reapply a sealer every 3-5 years. Please contact our office for a quote to have your patio cleaned/re-sealed.

### POWER WASHING & CLEANING:

Do not use a pressure washer on high power when cleaning your pavers or you risk damaging the surface. Always keep the nozzle at a 30° angle, 12" away from the surface and use the fanned nozzle setting. Be very cautious about washing out the paver jointing material. If jointing sand washes out, you may need to contact Aspen to have the patio re-sanded.

Alternatively, your pavers can be cleaned with a nylon-bristled broom and a mild solution of dish soap and water.

### DE-ICING & SNOW REMOVAL:

Freeze-thaw cycles will not affect the durability of your pavers, and you don't have to worry about your pavers surviving the winter. Your pavers are manufactured in such a way as to provide the highest strength and lowest water absorption levels possible.

Although your pavers are de-icing salt resistant, caution should be used when applying any de-icing chemicals and excessive use should be avoided. De-icing products should be applied in a minimum amount to help melt the ice and snow. Calcium-based products or rock salt (sodium chloride) are both safe as de-icing chemicals on pavers. After the snow and ice melts, the excess deicing chemical should be swept and removed. Avoid using magnesium-based de-icing products as they are very aggressive and may cause damage to the concrete surface. Other products that aren't Sodium or Calcium Chloride but are labeled as safe for concrete shouldn't be used. When winter is over, the pavers can be thoroughly washed to remove excess de-icing agents.

Always use a plastic shovel wherever possible as a metal blade can scratch the paver surface. If using a plow or snow blower, make sure you use a plastic blade protector.

### WEEDS, INSECTS & MOSS PREVENTION:

The best way to inhibit weed growth and prevent insects between pavers is to use polymeric jointing sand or EasyPro™ Jointing Sand in between the joints at time of installation. Your patio has been installed using one of these two products.

Moss generally develops in shaded or damp areas regardless of joint sand type. Carefully pressure wash the surface to remove the moss and then apply a solution of 20% dish soap and 80% water to the surface and let it soak for 5 minutes. Hose down the surface again and let dry. Use caution to not wash out the jointing material!

### GRASS, LEAF & OIL STAINS:

Grass and leaf stains, usually go away with time. However, to remove stains right away you can use a solution of 50% water and 50% bleach. We recommend first trying this in an unobtrusive area to ensure the results are acceptable. Light oil stains can be removed using household dish soap and water. For deeper stains, use a general purpose concrete cleaner or degreaser. Always test cleaners in a small area first.

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