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WALKWAY AND PATIO CARE SHEETS

The following information is designed to help answer some of the more common questions regarding paver walkways, patios and their maintenance. Carefully adhering to manufacturers specifications is our way of ensuring the best quality project and your happiness.

Paver Joints

The joints in your walkway or patio are unavoidable. They also generate the most common activity, sweeping in of the sand. The joints will be swept in with a special jointing sand during the initial construction, but routine sweeping will be needed to completely fill the joints. Keeping the joints filled will minimize any paver movement. After the first few months, you will notice that this task is not required as often. To apply the jointing sand, simply spread it out over your project with a broom to dry out, then work it in to the joints by sweeping back and forth. This jointing sand can be purchased at our Garden Center for a nominal fee.

Settling

Slight settling over time is to be expected. This is why we leave paver surfaces up to ¼ inch above matching surfaces in some cases. Seasonal freeze-thaw cycles work on pavers and can shift them slightly. Major settling is usually the result of past utility trenching or sites that were built on fill, and beyond our control. Our One Year Guarantee on construction installation is normally sufficient to see projects through these problems. After one year, we can provide service of your paver surfaces on a time and materials basis.

Efflorescence

Efflorescence is a whitish powder-like deposit, that can naturally occur on all concrete pavers and wallstone. It can appear immediately or months after installation. In most situations, it will disappear over time. However, it can be removed with a diluted acid solution.

Sealing

Sealing pavers is a procedure involving technical preparation and a variety of sealant options. Some sealants can darken and/or highlight paver color. Some can protect the pavers from other stains. Some are toxic to both plants and animals, and once you seal your pavers it is a task to be continued every 2-3 years after.

For information on acid washing or sealants, Miller Brick Company, Weckesser Brick Company or most home improvement centers can provide you with the products and information you need.

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