

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Experts: Concrete May Solidify A Home's Value

(NAPSA)—Here's good news for do-it-yourselfers who want to improve the appearance of their driveway, patio or sidewalk: working with concrete does not have to be hard. Homeowners now have access to products that can make concrete repair jobs quick, easy and economical. For example, the product Quikrete Concrete Resurfacer can help add value to a home and make repairing or resurfacing concrete features a relatively simple and inexpensive process (it is estimated that home owners who use the product can save more than \$4 per square foot). The resurfacer is a blend of portland cement, sand, polymer modifiers and other additives that can renew aged and cracked concrete—both indoors and out. To resurface concrete in your home using the Quikrete Concrete Resurfacer mix, follow these simple steps:

Surface Preparation Clean the surface (preferably with a pressure washer at 3500 psi). Then level uneven areas and repair surface cracks with a 1:7 water to Quikrete Concrete Resurfacer mix.



Mixing In a five-gallon bucket with a 1/2 inch drill and paddle mixer, combine 6 to 7 pints of water per 40 pound bag of resurfacer. Mix until product is of a lump free, pourable consistency.

Application Pour the mixture onto the prepared work surface and use a long handled squeegee to scrub the mix in.



Finishes For a professional finish, go over the surface with a broom or masonry brush. For a decorative effect, products such as Quikrete Liquid Cement Color can be added to the water during the mixing process.

Drying Times Allow six hours before permitting foot traffic and 24 hours for vehicle traffic. In addition, protect the surface from rain or moisture for the first six hours. After 28 days, the new surface will reach 4500 psi.

Free Brochures To learn more about the Concrete Resurfacer or other concrete-related products, call 1-800-282-5828 or visit www.quikrete.com.

