

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Lock In Pavers For Lasting Results

(NAPSA)—If you're like most homeowners and concerned about improving the value and appearance of your home, here's an idea that could be a step in the right direction: putting in pavers.

Installing driveway pavers is a relatively simple way to create curb appeal and add a dramatic look to the entrance of your home. Pavers can also be used to expand your home's outdoor living space with an attractive patio, walkway or entryway.

Regardless of the application, the variety of pavers available offers plenty of possibilities in creating decorative and functional hard surfaces around the home.

To ensure your paver surface retains its beautiful appearance, you can use Quikrete PowerLoc Jointing Sand; a polymer-modified sand specially designed for sweeping into paving stone joints or replacing existing joints. Once placed and dampened, the non-staining sand hardens to lock pavers in place, resulting in a surface that is resistant to erosion, weed growth and insects.

Here's how to do it:

- Once your forms are installed and the site is prepared, create a firm, stable base with Quikrete Patio Paver Base Sand.
- Place interlocking pavers, bricks and patio blocks into desired design on top of level base.
- Next, pour the jointing sand across the entire surface of the pavers being installed. The approximate coverage per 50-pound bag varies between 50 to 55 square feet of tumbled pavers and between 85 to 95 square feet of regular pavers, depending on joint width.



Prevent paver erosion, weed growth and insects with a polymer-modified jointing sand.

- Using a large push broom, sweep the jointing sand across the entire surface and into the paver joints, filling completely.
 - Pack sand down into the joints with a tamping tool. For larger paving projects, the sand can also be compacted with a plate vibrator.
 - Prior to dampening, remove all excess sand from the surface with a push broom or small brush.
 - With a garden hose sprayer, apply a gentle fine mist across the paver surface and sanded joints.
 - Repeat dampening at regular intervals (three times) for the first hour after initial wetting to ensure water reaches sand sub-base. Be careful not to overwater or flood joints.
 - Protect from rain for at least eight hours. Allow surface to dry for 24 hours before light foot traffic and 48 hours before heavy use.
- For additional project ideas, visit www.quikrete.com.