

Your Yard

Pave Your Way To A Better Home

(NAPSA)—What's in these days is enjoying outdoor living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens and more.

An easy and elegant way to bring your home up to style and expand your living area is with colorful, durable concrete pavers. They can improve your family's quality of life now and your home's curb appeal when the time comes to sell. Wherever you put pavers, real estate experts say, it can be easy to recoup the cost when you sell the house.

Many homeowners and prospective homeowners consider pavers a much more attractive way to go than other pavement systems. They're also easier to maintain and last longer without needing to be repaired.

Pavers provide a safe, slip-resistant surface in beautiful beige, coral, variegated or darker blended colors, as well as blends with flashed tones to harmonize with a home's exterior cladding. They can easily be put into patterns that complement the architectural style of your home because there's such a wide variety of styles available.

Where To Pave

The most popular places to put pavers include:

- **Patios:** A well-designed patio made of interlocking concrete pavements can enhance the character and value of your home and provide extra entertaining space that can include fire pits, fireplaces, lounging areas and even kitchens.
- **Pool decks:** Concrete pavers are an excellent way to visually integrate the pool into your landscaping design.



The latest home decor trend is toward elaborate, sumptuous outdoor living spaces that replicate and expand indoor layouts, complete with kitchens, dining and lounging areas, even fireplaces.

- **Walkways:** A properly paved walkway can frame your home. To lend more grace to an entrance, walkways should be at least three feet wide and gently curved.
- **Driveways:** Concrete pavers can add a touch of class that is inviting and durable, while also enhancing your home's curb appeal.

When choosing a contractor to help design and complete your project, make sure you hire an ICPI member contractor who is an ICPI Certified Concrete Paver Installer. They are knowledgeable of industry best practices, have passed an exam and possess the required experience.

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