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A photograph of a paved area made of dark grey interlocking paving stones, arranged in a herringbone pattern. The stones are set in a concrete curb, with some greenery visible in the background.

INTERLOCKING CARE GUIDE

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During the installation of interlocking stone pavers, polymeric sand is applied to the paver joints. This sand helps to stabilize the paver joints, inhibit weed growth and also maintain its flexibility during the freeze/thaw cycles. Polymeric sand also adds a cohesive appearance to the interlocking stone.

While polymeric sand serves many functions, it is important to remember that some maintenance is required. This includes cleaning, checking sand levels, and sealing.

Cleaning & Checking Sand Levels

General cleaning to your pavers is very important to ensure the longevity and beauty of your investment. Simply giving your surface a quick wash or taking a leaf blower to blow off any debris is a quick and easy way to keep leaves, dirt, grass petals and seeds out of the joints. This will avoid build up in those areas like the moss or small weed growth that comes from moisture build up.

We recommend giving your patio a quick clean when you cut your grass or do any regular maintenance of your yard. Following these guidelines will ensure that your project maintains its beauty for years to come.

Another important tip is to check the polymeric sand periodically. During the winter months, your paver joints will be exposed to the harsh winter conditions. These includes ice, snow and salt or ice melting solutions. These elements can potentially erode the polymeric sand. Therefore, it is important to check the condition of the sand in the springtime and if necessary, replenish. As part of Davel Construction's Install Warranty, we include the replenishing of sand as needed.

It is important to remember that not all polymeric sand is created equal. At Davel Construction we use the highest quality polymeric sand available. The best quality sands are able to stay flexible during the winter months and thus minimizing any cracks or erosion

Sealing

Applying a sealer to your pavers is not essential but it is recommended in order to keep the colours looking vibrant and for extra durability. While new technologies



in paver manufacturing have created longer lasting colours and protection from fading, paver sealers will give you extra protection from strong UV rays. Sealers will also add protection to the paver joints. Another benefit to sealing your pavers is stain resistance. In the event of any spills, like motor oil, cooking oil, grease or wine, a sealed surface will clean much easier.

We recommend that you wait a minimum of 6 months after install before sealing your pavers. In addition, we also recommend hiring a professional who will follow the proper guidelines and best installation practices.

Ice Melters for Interlocking Stones

Before going ahead and using a chemical product on your new stones, it's recommended to try it out on a small patch first. Sometimes chemicals can cause stains and erosion in certain types of pavers. Ask us before using any ice melters on your interlocking stone, the stonework experts at Davel Construction will be happy to answer any questions. If you go with a standard de-icing salt to get rid of ice or snow, it likely will not affect many pavers. Ensure to check the manufacturer's warranty before deciding to use any product to melt ice or snow on your stones.

Removing Stains

If any spill or stains occur on your pavers, it's highly recommended to treat them as soon as you possible. Give us a call and we will be able to show you the right product to use. There are many specially formulated stains removers available that can remove almost any stain. It is important to know what product to use depending on the stain. At Davel Construction we stay current with the newest products and will be able to advise you on the proper protocol.

For additional advice on the proper maintenance of interlocking pavers and stones, contact the experts at Davel Construction today.

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