

Interlock Care Instructions 2024

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It is recommended to keep polymeric sand topped up early in the season. Polymeric sand can be purchased from Hardco; the one we use is Gator Maxx G2 in Grey or Beige. To install polymeric sand, power wash any cracked, weedy or mossy areas. Let the area dry, then pour the sand onto the pavers and sweep it into the joints thoroughly. Sweep sand into the joints until the sand is within 1/8" of the top of the paver. Mist the area thoroughly to saturate the sand, moving the water nozzle to prevent washing it out. If you have any trouble, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Cleaning

Follow these steps to thoroughly clean your interlocking pavers:

1. Use a garden hose or pressure washer to clean the pavers.
2. Mix household detergent and water in a bucket until very sudsy, then pour on your pavers and allow to sit for 20 minutes.
3. Use a scrubbing brush or broom to scrub your pavers.
4. Rinse off with a hose.
5. If any spill or stains occur on your pavers, it's highly recommended to treat them as soon as you possible. There are many specially formulated stains removers available that can remove almost any stain, such as Techniseal, to remove stubborn stains, such as oil, grease, rust, paint, tar, dirt, and rubber.

Weed Control

If you've noticed some growth around your stones, there are several methods to remove pesky weeds from between interlocking stone pavers.

1. Use an L-shaped interlock weeding tool to remove weeds by hand
2. Use horticultural vinegar to kill weeds with acidity and dehydration during dry weather. This vinegar is twice the concentration of household vinegar.
3. For problematic algae, moss, or lichen growth, you can use herbicide weed killers. Trim or scrape thick growth before applying the solution.
4. Contact us for a quote to clean off growths and force weeds out of cracks using a power washer and reseal with polymeric sand.

Obviously the more often you seal your interlock the better, but it's best to protect them either before Winter hits or after the snow melts away in Spring. Whether you choose to do it once a year, twice a year, or every other year – that's completely up to you.

Additional Information

When we excavate, we dig down to native soil, add geotextile and 10 inches of gravel. Weeds don't grow from the bottom, they grow by blowing into exposed gaps in the interlock. Use a leaf blower or sweep excess lawn clippings off of your interlock. This prevents grass from growing in between the interlocking stones. If the polymeric sand is checked yearly and topped up, you should have no issues with weeds. Some weeds may happen and we would suggest Round Up.

Winter Care

Before going ahead and using a chemical product on 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. If you go with a standard de-icing salt to rid of snow or ice, it likely will not affect many pavers. Ensure to check the manufacturer's warranty before deciding to use any products to melt snow or ice on your stones. If you prefer to be on the safer side, we suggest using sand instead for traction.