



Paver Care & Maintenance

Each of the pavers within the Tuscan Path's Paver Collection is chosen for their quality, appearance, durability and resilience. However, as they are a natural product, the correct treatment is important to retain their beauty, avoid stains and discolouration, and guarantee the longevity of the natural stone. Detailed below are a number of suggestions for the cleaning, protection and maintenance of your pavers.

Cleaning your Pavers

After laying has been completed and thoroughly dried, you can use a commercially available cleaner, vinegar solution, mild detergent or a 10% hydrochloric acid solution applied with a stiff brush.

Always check with the manufacturer before attempting to use acids, cleaning products or sprays on your pavers; as you run the risk of discolouring them.

Protecting your Pavers

All stone is porous; so if stone pavers are not properly treated with a protective sealer, water, oils or other liquids can easily penetrate the stone, leaving behind unwanted stains.

To bring your application to its full potential, we recommend applying a sealant to the pavers. Sealant renders the pavers water repellent, intensifies the stone colour and protects against stains. For outdoor areas, sealant helps keep your sand in place and prevent weeds and ant activity in any gaps.

For maximum ongoing protection, we recommend that all pavers should be sealed with a quality penetrating sealer directly following installation.

There are a wide range of water-based sealers that are easy to use, easy to clean-up, emit little to no fumes and can be applied while the tiles are still damp.



If you decide to use a sealing product, it is best to contact or visit your nearest Bunnings store for advice. Be sure to remind them that you want a formulation that is best suited to natural stone surfaces.

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Before treating your paver surface:

- the pavers must be thoroughly cleaned. Ensure all deposits and product residues are removed from the surface and from the pores.
- test the sealer on an inconspicuous area first to ensure it gives you the result you want and is compatible with the stone tiles
- use impregnators only on completely dry surfaces. Otherwise, the product will not be able to penetrate into the surface

When applying the sealant, please ensure it is applied evenly; carefully remove any excess product off the surface and do not allow streaks or puddles to dry. Also be aware that some types of stone pavers may turn slightly darker after treatment.

Maintaining your Pavers

Outdoor Pavers |

Pavers laid outdoors should be swept with a stiff broom on a regular basis to remove loose leaves, sand, dust, tanbark or pine chips with a broom.

Pavers installed outside should also be subject to the occasional hose down, and then allowed to drain and dry.

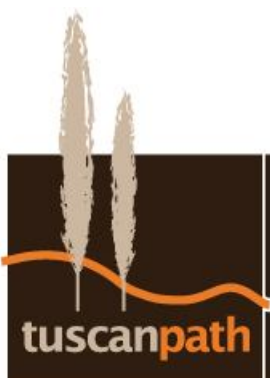
If a stubborn stain appears, you must correctly identify the stain source to ensure the right treatment. For example, chewing gum can be easily removed using ice or a CRC Freeze Spray to harden the gum, which is then smashed and shattered using a mallet.

Stains best attacked while dry include moss, mould, leaves and lichen. Whilst they won't damage the pavers, they will cause them to become slippery. If vigorous brushing with a wet brush doesn't work, mix 10 parts water to one part white vinegar and soak for 10 minutes. Gently hose the area before the solution dries.

Indoor Pavers |

Pavers laid indoors should be swept and mopped on a regular basis. Dusty internal pavers can be vacuum cleaned and then wiped over with a damp 'sponge style' mop. Cotton rope mops are not recommended. Pavers installed in internal wet areas should also be subject to the occasional hose down, and then allowed to drain and dry.

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For food or beverage stains, use a neutral or organic cleaner diluted with water and rinse well. This should also eliminate the most resistant grime.

If pavers become chipped or cracked, it is probably easiest and cheapest to replace the individual tile. However, if the crack is not highly noticeable it should be left alone – otherwise it will need to be broken up and replaced

Sealers can also be used periodically to minimise staining and discoloration. You can re-seal every two years, taking care in heavy wear areas and salt-water locations

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 - Visit your nearest Bunnings store (our Range is available Australia wide)
 - Contact us on (03)8339 0250. We're always here to help!

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