

How to care for your engraved bricks?

Now that you have installed your bricks how can you keep them looking great?

We recommend sealing your concrete bricks with a sealer a few months after the installation and later every few years as needed depending on brick condition and traffic. Clay bricks should be sealed immediately after installation when the bricks are dry. Sealers repel water and stains, help hold sand in joints and prevent wear from foot traffic. [Water](#) based sealers are good for clay bricks and [acrylic](#) sealers for concrete bricks. Be sure to ask your local contractor, who will be your best advisor, based on the type of weather in your region. To be sure that you have chosen the correct sealer test it on a few bricks first before you seal everything.



Recommended [water](#) based sealer (clay bricks) - ProSoCo Consolideck Saltguard WB

Recommended [acrylic](#) based sealer (concrete bricks) - Techniseal ProSeries WL4

Tips to keep your bricks clean!

- Keep pavers swept and free of debris. Use a soft broom. Falling leaves and soil left on the bricks can cause staining.
- Use a mild detergent mixed in water. If it is really dirty you can apply the detergent directly but remember to rinse thoroughly.
- We recommend using [Techniseal Organic Stain Remover](#) , [2010 All Surface Cleaner by Enviro Klean](#) or a similar product. These cleaners can be rinsed with water and contains no harsh acids, caustics or solvents.
- Gently hose off your bricks.

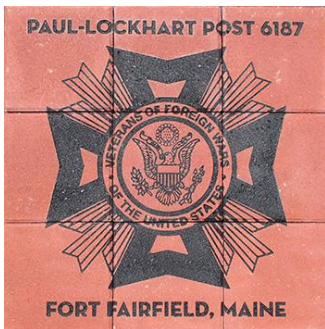
What if my bricks have a chalky white haze over them?

- This is known as efflorescence; it is a fine, white, powdery deposit of water-soluble salts left on the surface of the bricks as the water evaporates. It can be washed off with a solution of vinegar and water or with any preparation recommended by your brick contractor or local builder.

What you should avoid when cleaning your bricks?

- High pressure water cleaning
- Acid based cleaners
- Avoid using salt and shovels for snow removal. (For some traction try using sand, or biodegradable cat litter instead of salt.)
- Do not use steel brushes to remove debris

If you follow these easy steps we are sure that your bricks will be beautiful for years to come.



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