

THE PAVING SLAB CO

"Paving the Way"

Some key points to note, and recommendations we make, when laying your pavers are:

- Store your pavers on the pallets they were collected or delivered on before commencing your project.
- If possible, keep your pavers under cover until you are ready to use them.
- Because our pavers are handmade and colour variation will occur between pallets, it is recommended that, when using multiple pallets of pavers for your project, you use pavers from different pallets and mix them when laying.
- The weather during an installation **will** affect the appearance of concrete pavers. It is highly recommended to install pavers in settled weather, with as little water or rain as possible.
- Ensure the pavers are laid so water runs off. A free draining base is necessary so the pavers or mortar do not have "wet feet".
- We recommend a 4mm to 10mm gap between the pavers at the *bottom*, to give a 9mm to 15mm grouting gap on the surface. This allows for any small variations in paver size.
- **We recommend the pavers are laid on a sand and cement mortar mix to achieve the best, most professional results.**
- Place some of the mortar mix in an area the size of your paver, on your prepared free draining base.
- Spread the mortar completely across the back of your paver and carefully place your paver into the prepared area.
- Use a rubber mallet to carefully tap the paver onto the mortar base.
- Efflorescence is the phenomenon of natural salts migrating from below to the surface of the concrete as water moves in and out, leaving a whitish powder-like discolouration on the surface of your pavers. Efflorescence will settle and cease over time. Often, the better the quality and strength of concrete, the more efflorescence appears due to the high cement content.
- If the effects of colour fading or staining might be an issue, sealing can help prevent staining, reduce fungal growth and can enhance the concrete colour. It will slow the weathering process by preserving the colour, reducing water absorption and reducing the effects of efflorescence. We recommend regular cleaning and then re-sealing of our pavers.
- Our concrete paving is a handmade product. You can expect some thickness variation in the production.

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