

### Masonry Maintenance Basics

All masonry needs to be cleaned and sealed to protect it from the elements.



Satin finish before and after

#### Benefits of sealing include:

- Add luster. Reduce color fade over time
- Prevent colors from fading
- Extend product life, reduce mold growth
- Landscape and pool chemical resistance
- Increase abrasion resistance
- Keep masonry looking new
- Protect against normal wear and tear
- Protect against grass , oil and leaf stains



Wet-look color restoration

### Masonry Sealing Q&A

**Q: Why should I seal pavers and masonry, even those with a lifetime guarantee?**

**A:** For the same reason you wash and wax a car: To protect them from the elements, reduce costly maintenance, and keep them looking new.

**Q: Do new pavers come with a sealer or protection technology built in?**

**A:** NO. Paving stones are exposed to dirt, mold, UV rays, pool and landscaping chemicals, oils etc. These cause damage, wear, and color fade. Sealing your masonry protects your investment, and keeps your stones looking new for years.

**Q: When should I seal brand new stones that have a lifetime guarantee?**

**A:** For maximum benefit, it is best to seal stones soon after installation, before they get stained and exposed to the elements.

**Q: Why should I seal older stones?**

**A:** To restore faded color, lengthen product life, protect them, and renew the way they look.

**Q: Why didn't my contractor seal my paving stones when he installed them?**

**A:** Sealing masonry cannot be done at the time of installation. Depending on the time of year, type of stones used, and your desired look of the sealer you choose, you must wait a few weeks before sealing.