

Your guide to...

KEEPING PAVING LOOKING BETTER FOR LONGER

Maintaining a paved driveway will keep it in prime condition for years to come, protecting it from water and frost damage, staining and making sure pointing stays intact. Not only will it look great, it will also lengthen the lifespan of the paving, making it a good investment for you or your customers.

Safety first

Cleaning paving in the spring and applying a weed preventative sets it up for the summer season. Many **cleaning products** use strong chemicals and acids which should be treated with care.

When removing stains some chemicals might etch the surface of paving if used incorrectly. For the best results and to keep safe, always follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.



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Here are a few more safety measures for when you're working with chemicals and acids:

- Wear protective clothing, like boots, gloves and overalls
- Keep pets and children well clear
- Make sure there's sufficient ventilation, especially when working in confined spaces
- Protect others working in the area from injury or hazards like slippery surfaces and overspray
- Thoroughly rinse away any cleaning product and channel it to suitable drainage points

*Trade tip:*

Always add acid to water when diluting it.
Never the other way around.

Keeping it water tight

Sealing the paving to stop water seeping in and causing fading or frost damage is a simple process. Sealants can be applied to a clean paved area with a brush, roller or squeegee. It's essential that paving is dry and debris free, with any re-pointing already complete. Apply the sealer according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

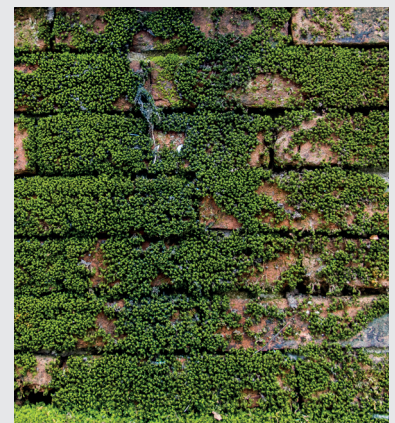
You'll find all the products you need to **seal your paving successfully** at your local Jewson branch.

Remaining mould and moss free

Moss is a constant threat to any paved area, but there's lots of products out there to help keep it at bay.

Damp and heavily shaded places suffer the most from lichens and algae. Start by scraping away any thick growth and then treat the area with a specialist moss or weed killer. It may take a little time to work and is always more effective when applied in dry weather.

Some products are designed to leave a residue to help prevent moss returning, but if the area is prone to dampness, you may need to treat it regularly to keep on top of things.



A powerful clean

Pressure washers are ideal to clean drive ways and patios. The hose should be angled at no more than 30°C away from you on a medium power level and always diagonally across joints. That way it won't damage paving surfaces or break up joint material. Though you may have to re-fill gaps with kiln dried sand or re-point afterwards.



More stubborn stains

A huge range of unsightly stains can affect the surface of paving over the years. Oil from engines or barbecues, alcohol and rust stains from iron gates are the main culprits. It's important to identify the cause of the stain before attempting to clean it.

There are products for specific stains like rust, paint and mortar. Oil will penetrate into paving easily and is stubborn to remove. Soaking it up at the time of the spill is the best way to tackle this, rubbing can spread it and drive it in.

Likewise with wet paint. Soak it up before washing down with a general detergent. Dry paint however, needs a tougher paint remover. For more information on specific stain removal pop into your local Jewson branch.



Dyes

Keeping paving looking its best can be helped by using a range of dyes to add a striking contrast to the selected shade of paving. When extending an existing patio area, or replacing a broken paving slab, the cement dye enables you to match the current mortar colour with ease. It creates a seamless repair and gives a tired paving area a cost effective upgrade.

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