

# General Cleaning & Stain Removal

We offer surface pressure cleaning and stain removal of your driveways, patios, pool decks, and walkways. This service is included in our sealing pricing. Our pressure washing equipment is specifically built for paver hardscapes providing the highest CU (Cleaning Units) possible. Also heat our water to 230 degrees, which allows us to kill mold/fungus without the use of chlorine. The use of chlorine runs the risk of killing your landscaping and it typically leaves an unpleasant odor. After we complete the general surface cleaning, we start the stain removal process if any staining remains. We cannot guarantee the 100% removal of all stains based on severity and paver porosity, but with our training and years of experience, we are able to remove 85% of common hardscape stains. After the stain removal process is complete, we then rinse and block off your driveway (if applicable) and your hardscape cannot be driven on for the next 48 hours. After your hardscape has been cleaned it is accessible to foot traffic only.

Below you will find all the types of staining we can remove for you.

## Calcite Removal

Calcite (Calcium Carbonate) is a white, or sometimes a light rust-colored, chalky deposit that forms in the joints of pavers. This is caused by a high clay content in the compacted base underneath the paver hardscape. Calcite is an evaporative mineral that adheres to a paver when groundwater evaporates after a hard rain and deposits the calcium from the clay onto the paver. Calcite removal is a highly meticulous and labor-intensive job, any area containing calcite over 25 sqft will be charged an additional \$0.10/sqft. Based on the severity we will determine the level of removal.

## Construction Staining

Whether you just purchased a new home or recently had a remodel done to your current home chances are contractors have left a mess in your driveway/patio. This type of staining can be paint, concrete, stucco, roofing tar, oil, etc. We are experienced with these types of removals and our skills have led to projects with home builders and other commercial clients.

## Efflorescence Removal

All concrete products contain cement which produces lime salts and calcium oxides. Lime can also be concentrated in bedding sand, aggregate base materials, and/or soil. This lime salt rises to the surface of your paver after the moisture evaporates and can leave a white haze or white “ring” on your pavers. This is a simple process to remove and is included in any cleaning or sealing charge. Our Efflorescence cleaner is a biodegradable, organic salt formula.

## Fertilizer Staining

Fertilizer staining is caused when fertilizer is left on a paver hardscape after moisture is introduced; ie. rain or sprinklers. There are many nutrients in fertilizer to help your plants grow healthy and strong but the only one that can cause staining is iron. Fertilizer staining can be identified by little black or brown colored spots on the surface of your pavers. This can be removed with the proper process and is included in any cleaning/sealing charge.

## Hardwater Staining

Hard water staining can be seen as a brownish/orange discoloration on your pavers, or to put simply; it looks like your pavers were sprayed with rust. And well, that is pretty much what has occurred, hard water staining is caused by high levels of iron in your irrigation system. The majority of the time you will notice this type of staining where your paver hardscape meets your landscaping. This stain is easy to remove and is included in any cleaning/sealing charge.

## Oil Removal

Oil staining can be identified as a “wet” looking area of your pavers that just won’t dry. You will see this type of stain in areas where cars are parked and where barbeques are kept. Oil stains can require an intensive process to remove so any area over 10 sqft will incur an additional charge.

## Organic Staining

Organic staining or natural staining is typically caused by landscape cuttings, fallen berries, or mulch left on pavers over an extended period. This is a simple process to remove and is included in any cleaning/sealing charge.

## Golf-Cart Staining

If you own a golf cart you may notice rust-colored blotches where you frequently park or charge it on your paver hardscape. This is caused by an over-flow of the acid from the batteries. This type of stain soaks deeply into the pavers and if left untreated may not be removable. Any area over 10 sqft will incur an additional charge.