



Patio & Driveway Aftercare Guide




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Welcome to the family

Once your project is complete our involvement doesn't end there. We are passionate about our products and we want them to help you get the most from your outdoor spaces.

From those little seasonal cleaning jobs to removing general dirt, spillages and stains, this Aftercare Guide contains the simple steps you'll need to maintain and clean your new patio or driveway.

We are always here to advise and help you care for and maintain your installation, even if it's just a quick wash down with soap and water.

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Remember to always take care when cleaning

To make sure you're safe when cleaning and maintaining your new patio or driveway, always follow these simple health and safety tips:

- Always wear protective clothing and equipment like gloves, goggles and boots
- Make sure there is plenty of ventilation when using any cleaning products recommended in this guide. Use a face mask in areas with limited ventilation
- Make sure pets and children are out of the way when cleaning and maintaining your patio or driveway
- Take care when disposing of any water which may run off your patio or driveway. Take care not to damage, contaminate or stain any adjoining materials, turf or ponds
- Always trial a small, inconspicuous area first when applying any cleaning products recommended in this guide to ensure their compatibility with different patio and driveway products

Please note: Marshalls does not recommend the use of any form of sealant on our products if installed externally.

Regular maintenance

The cleaning and maintenance needed on your patio or driveway will depend on its surroundings and the amount of free time you have. Here's a quick guide to the jobs required each season:



Spring

Give your patio its first good clean of the year after the Winter months to get rid of any dirt and detritus which may have built up.

Check the area to make sure your jointing is still intact. GREEN-AWAY® is perfect for annual use each spring to give your patio or driveway a good clean.

⚠ Many common patio cleaners & brick acids are hydrochloric acid based and are not appropriate on most of our products, incl. sandstone.



Summer

To keep your garden looking its best give it a regular sweep and general clean with water to keep it looking good.

Make sure any spillages are cleaned down straight away to minimise any staining risks. Caution should be taken when using lawn fertilizer and plant food on paving next to your garden. These products contain iron additives which can cause staining on the patio, but will dissipate over time.



Autumn

As the leaves begin to fall, regularly sweep up any leaves or shrubbery to ensure they do not stain your patio or driveway.

Also remove any stains which may have occurred from berries and leaves falling from trees.

Leaves contain tannins that can stain your patio or driveway.



Winter

Winter chills can bring snow and ice onto patios and driveways. De-icer can be used on these surfaces but there may be some temporary discolouration once the snow and ice has disappeared.

This should only be temporary and will dissipate away over time.

⚠ Never use common salt to de-ice reconstituted stone or limestone. Specific products are formulated for this purpose.

Removing general dirt and debris

If you just want to give your patio or driveway a quick clean, simply give the area a good sweep with a stiff bristle brush to remove any surface dirt.

If the original colour of the paving or driveway is still not apparent, use some soapy water and a stiff bristle brush to remove any further stubborn stains.

Finally, if the dirt and debris are still there, use Marshalls Green-Away® to bring your patio or driveway back to life. Always ensure that you follow the manufacturers instructions.

Always make sure you check the joints to make sure they are still intact. If not make sure they are repaired, as this can cause future damage, due to water ingress.



Removing weeds

Weeds will be prevalent on any surface where dirt and debris are left to accumulate over time.



Remove weeds by hand or by using a gardening tool. Get as much of the root as possible to avoid re-growth.



Make sure your jointing is intact. If it isn't, repair to prevent long term damage from water ingress.



For persistent weed growth use a Weed Killer available from all DIY stores.

Ensure it doesn't include Ferrous Sulphate as this can leave stains over the treated surface. Always read the manufacturer's instructions and protect ponds and watercourses.



Power washing

Although power washing can be seen as a quick fix for removing dirt and debris, if used in excess the power of the water pressure can damage your patio or driveway. To ensure minimal damage, follow these quick steps:



Give the area a good sweep with a stiff bristle brush to remove any dirt or debris.



Make sure the power washer is on a low pressure setting and do not use an oscillating lance.



Carry out a test on a small inconspicuous area first.



Do not direct the power washer directly onto the surface. Use at a 30° angle or use a rotary scrubbing attachment.



Make sure your jointing is intact after power washing. If it isn't, repair to prevent long term damage from water ingress.



Removing moss, mould, algae & lichen

Moss, mould, algae and lichen grow naturally on the surface of concrete and natural stone paving. Growth is enhanced if the driveway or patio is in a shaded area and is prone to ponding water.

To remove these stains we would recommend you give the area a good clean with a stiff bristle brush to remove any surface dirt and a wash down with warm soapy water.

If this does not remove the problem and you have a lot of green stains on your paving, we would recommend you use **Marshalls Green-Away®**. This product can be sprayed onto all green stains and works with the natural elements to safely remove stains without the need to scrub the surface. Always read the manufacturer's instructions before application.



A quick word about efflorescence

As you admire your new patio or driveway you may start to see small white deposits on the surface of your patio or driveway and potentially the jointing compound.

This is called efflorescence and is a natural phenomenon which occurs in all cement based concrete products, due to a reaction between cement and water which produces calcium-hydroxide.

Although the white deposits on the product may cause some concern, they will naturally weather over time and disappear.

This usually takes up to 3 months to clear or improve, but sometimes can take 6-8 months.



When you need a little **extra cleaning power...**

Marshalls Green-Away®

The ideal solution to remove mould, algae and lichen from all patio, driveway and pavement surfaces. It's also perfect for prevention and maintenance on your new project, apply annually to keep mould, algae and lichen from developing.

- ✔ Almost PH neutral making it gentle and safe to use
- ✔ Removes and prevents mould, algae and lichen
- ✔ Mould & algae starts disappearing within 2 weeks
- ✔ Lichen and black spots start to shrink and disappear within 6 months
- ✔ Pet friendly once dried (keep away from ponds)

Marshalls Green-Away comes in a handy 5L bottle covering upto a huge 300m² area when using our 12L professional sprayer.



Simply spray on and leave it to do its magic...



Dilute 1 part Green-Away to 5 parts water into your professional sprayer.

Top tip: always add Green-Away to your water and not the other way around and use a 1L measuring jug to ensure the correct dilution.



Apply on a dry day when rain is not forecast within 6 hours.

The best time for application is in the late afternoon to avoid immediate evaporation.



Always **apply onto a dry surface** and **thoroughly saturate** the surface with Green-Away, then leave to activate.

Top tip: Do not rinse the Green-Away off the area.



The product re-generates with rain to remove all green stains and detritus over the course of the next month and will last upto 12 months, dependant on the surroundings and level of contamination.



Handy matrix...

	General dirt	Weeds	Moss, mould & algae	Oil, fat or grease	Beer, wine & soft drinks	Fruit, berries & leaves	Blood	Chewing gum
Basic cleaning advice	Use a stiff bristle brush to remove any surface dirt	Pull out any weeds	Use a stiff brush to remove any surface dirt	Use paper towels to soak up residue immediately. Do not wipe as this can cause the stain to expand	Use detergent solution & hot water to remove the stain	Use detergent & hot water to remove the stain	Use detergent & hot water to remove the stain	Scrape off the chewing gum from the surface
	Use a detergent and water solution to rinse off	Brush surface with a stiff brush	Use a detergent and water solution to rinse off	Marshall's Kiln Dried Sand can help soak up any excess oil	If the stain is still apparent, use a mild household bleach and clean water to remove the stain	If the stain is still apparent, use a mild household bleach and clean water to remove the stain		For more stubborn gum, use a freeze spray on the area and then chip off the surface
								Clean down using hot water and steam clean to remove the stain
For persistent problems		Weed killer (where required) avoid products which include Ferrous Sulphate as this can leave a brown stain over the treated surface	Use Marshall's Green-Away® (see pg7)					

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	Smoke, fire & tobacco	Rust	Cement, mortar & concrete	Paint, ink & graffiti	Tyre marks	Epoxy & Polyester	Copper, bronze & aluminium
Basic cleaning advice	Scrub the area with detergent & hot water to remove the stain	To remove the stain use lemon juice or vinegar	Use a non-hydrochloric based acid cleaner to remove any stains	Wet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use paper towels to soak up material • Do not wipe with paper towels as this will extend the stain • Use white spirit, water and detergent to clean the area 	Use detergent & hot water to remove the stain	Burn off with a blow torch	Use a non-hydrochloric based acid cleaner to remove any stains
		Process for either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place on stained area for 5 minutes • Scrub into the stain with a stiff bristle brush • Wash with plenty of clean water 		Dry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrape off all excess paint • Use paint remover to remove the stain • If paint remover does not work, use an acid brick cleaner 			
Additional products required	If the stain is still apparent, use a mild household bleach and clean water to remove the stain	If the stain is still apparent, use a Rust Cleaner for your specific paving material. Always read the manufacturers instructions before application		Ink - Sodium Perborate & hot water solution	Hot water & steam clean		
				Dry paint or graffiti - source a specific cleaner for your paving material			



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For further tips and guidance visit
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