

THE PAVER EDIT

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BEAUTIFUL SPACES START FROM THE GROUND UP.

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This October, we celebrate the details that distinguish an exceptional home. From the first impression of a beautifully crafted driveway to the elegance of a custom pool deck, CrossRoads Paving Solutions brings enduring craftsmanship to South Florida's finest outdoor spaces.

WHY PROPER BASE PREPARATION IS THE FOUNDATION OF A GREAT PAVER INSTALLATION

A beautiful paver installation begins long before the first paver is placed. One of the most important—and unseen—parts of the installation process is proper base preparation. The quality of the base directly affects the strength, appearance, and long-term performance of the finished surface. The process typically begins with excavating the area to the appropriate depth and removing unsuitable or unstable material. A properly selected aggregate base is then installed, graded, and compacted in controlled layers. This creates a strong, stable foundation capable of supporting the pavers and the loads placed on them.

Proper compaction is especially important for driveways, where the surface must withstand the repeated weight and movement of vehicles. An inadequately prepared base can eventually contribute to settling, uneven pavers, low spots, rutting, shifting, and drainage problems. Even high-quality pavers cannot compensate for a poorly constructed foundation beneath them.

Base preparation also plays an important role in establishing the correct elevation and slope. Proper grading helps direct water away from structures and prevents areas where water can collect.

At CrossRoads Paving Solutions, we understand that much of the craftsmanship behind a quality paver installation is found beneath the finished surface. Taking the time to properly prepare, grade, and compact the base helps create a paver driveway, patio, walkway, or pool deck that not only looks exceptional when completed—but is built for lasting performance.



PROJECT OF THE MONTH: FEATURED INSTALLATION



PROJECT: Custom Home Driveway Installation

LOCATION: Boca Raton, FL

PAVERS: Oldcastle Cobblestone Belgian 70mm 8pc Ant Gray

BORDER: StoneHardscapes Tumbled Marble 6X12 and 6X24 Crema Bella (custom fabricated)

THE PAVER PRO TIP: WHY ARE WEEDS APPEARING BETWEEN MY PAVERS?

Weeds between pavers usually aren't growing up from underneath the installation. In most cases, wind, rain, birds, and landscaping activity deposit seeds into the joints, where accumulated dirt, moisture, and organic material create an ideal place for them to germinate. Over time, joint sand can also wash or erode away, making it easier for weeds to take hold.

Proper installation and maintenance can greatly reduce weed growth, but no outdoor paver surface is completely weed-proof.



Practical Takeaway: Periodically clean debris from the joints and replenish them with the appropriate jointing or polymeric sand. Keeping joints properly filled makes it much harder for seeds to establish and helps keep your pavers looking their best.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Unlike a solid concrete slab, interlocking concrete pavers are designed to work together as a flexible pavement system.

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Loads are distributed across neighboring pavers through their tightly filled joints, allowing the surface to accommodate small amounts of movement without behaving like one large rigid slab.

DESIGN INSPIRATION: THIS MONTH'S LOOK

Modern & Contemporary

ARTISTIC PAVER MFG. ROADLOCK COLLECTION

Style: Concrete paver containing exposed natural aggregate/shell

Color: Shellock Silver Sam

Pattern: Multi-size/modular layout

Thickness: 2 3/8" / 60mm



BUILDING A LEGACY: CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN CONSTRUCTION

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize the remarkable contributions Latino professionals have made to America's construction and design industries.

One inspiring figure is **Luis Vidal**, a Spanish architect from Barcelona, Spain whose international work has helped shape major transportation and infrastructure projects, including the transformation of Terminal 2 at London Heathrow Airport. His career demonstrates how thoughtful design, technical expertise, and collaboration can transform the spaces people use every day.



Luis Vidal at Heathrow Terminal 2A opening in 2014

His work also reflects a larger story. Hispanic and Latino professionals—from architects and engineers to contractors, equipment operators, masons, and skilled tradespeople—play an important role throughout the construction industry. Their craftsmanship, entrepreneurship, and dedication continue to help build the homes, businesses, roads, and communities around us.

At CrossRoads Paving Solutions, Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize these contributions and celebrate the people whose skill and hard work continue to move the construction industry forward.

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