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Today's Article: Paving the Way

Interlocking concrete pavers offer exceptional beauty and create a durable pavement surface, adding to the value of your home and your enjoyment of the outdoor landscape. The variety of pattern, colours and surface textures available today can enhance both the character and curb appeal of your home.

Pavers also allow you to coordinate and customize activity space, including driveways, walkways, patios, pool decks and gardens, in a way that was never possible before.

Many of the dramatic changes in landscaping in recent years can be attributed to the introduction of new approaches to hardscaping elements and new concepts in design and installation.

NEW DESIGN IDEAS

Designers, contractors and homeowners have developed unique ways of using textures, colours and shapes. New paver products are unique and can be a very effective way to add character, depth and variety to a backyard landscape.

Interlocking concrete pavers will last a minimum of 30 years when installed correctly. Other pavements such as asphalt, poured over concrete or imprinted concrete have a considerably shorter service life.

When choosing a contractor, you should compare apples to apples. Get estimates from landscapers

who specialize in concrete pavers. Look at the guarantees and then do your comparisons.

Just reading a contractor's sales brochure isn't enough. In order to ensure a quality installation, you should ask questions like these of interlocking paver installation contractors.

- How long have they been installing pavers?
- Do they have a portfolio to qualify them?
- Do they have a good credit rating?

- Do they have a liability insurance certificate?
- Can they provide proof that workers compensation insurance covers all workers?

- Will they provide a detailed written and itemized proposal outlining the scope of work and terms of payment?

- Do they guarantee their work? For how long? Are they willing to agree to return in a year to inspect the installation and make any necessary repairs or adjustments?

Get satisfactory answers to these questions and you're likely to get great service, an excellent project and a feeling of satisfaction when the job is done.

Have a great day.

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