

Ask Paver Man

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Q: Readers: It's "grab bag" time! There have been a number of good questions over the year and it's hard to pick just one. So, here's several important tidbits that the PHB Paver World should know about:

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BEWARE POLYMERIC: Too many calls complaining about paver stains left by polymeric sand leaves us concerned. The problem, now reaching common status, results from the sand mix not completely being cleaned off the surface of the pavers before moisture activation. At the very least, the surface should be completely dry, swept and **blown clean before applying water** to avoid this problem. But, the surface texture may retain some of the polymer anyway, leaving a stain. Unfortunately, polymeric sand manufacturers don't have a ready-to-go solution yet so beware...

EFFLORESCENCE TREATMENT: Up until several months ago, we did not know of an efflorescence treatment that would render soluble salts insoluble. EaCo Chem is marketing **EF-Fortless** that has shown to be effective, based on our own in-house and field tests, in tying up salts so they will not re-solublize back into the pavement system causing more efflorescence. If salts are reintroduced or if heavy salt concentrations exist, efflorescence will re-appear but this treatment may help in many situations. Go to www.eacochem.com for more information...

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT "GREEN" PAVING: Go to PathwayCafe.com. It is PHB's blog on the web that focuses on the green aspect of segmental paving including stories on permeable pavements and sustainability plus general paving news of interest. There are videos, news reports, and published stories that include our recent donation of **StormPave** (plus some elbow grease!) so a permeable pavement could be installed at **My Sisters' House, a LEED home for unwed mothers in Greensboro, NC...**

VEHICULAR PAVEMENT STUDY: A multi year, ongoing research study conducted by ICPI on vehicular pavements shows that **bituminous set paving systems** are performing the best according to preliminary reports. The study is being conducted at the University of Waterloo in Canada and features varied site locations...

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