



Brick Sealing & Cleaning

The following instructions pertain to the installation of all the shapes and sizes of McNear brick, and should be carefully read before installation begins.

General Cleaning:

General washing should be performed with a cleanser specifically designed for brick masonry. McNear recommends the use of Prosoco products (www.prosoco.com). Use caution and carefully follow their recommendations for cleanser and cleaning instructions. Always test a small inconspicuous area first. Never clean with Muriatic Acid!

Some of our brick varieties are manufactured with coatings derived from historic building products, such as lime and cement, and these coatings can be adversely affected by strong cleansers and acids. Acids, and cleansers containing acids, should **NEVER** be used on the following bricks:

Balboa
Berkshire
Black Hills
Bromley
Greenhill
Greenwich
Holbourn
Limehouse
Portsmouth
Rustic
Sacramento
San Joaquin
Santa Fe
Whitehall

Sealing:

For most of our products, McNear generally does not recommend sealing brick, as some sealers can change the natural beauty of the brick. But for some colors, sealing is advantageous, and for others it is absolutely necessary. Some of our Old California and Sandmold colors incorporate lime, cement, and other materials to mimic the look of actual reclaimed bricks. Like



actual reclaimed bricks, these coatings are vulnerable to wear and weathering, and greatly benefit from a good polymeric sealer, such as NanoPave JSS.

In areas where cleaning is required, such as kitchens, restaurants, and interior spaces, application of a sealer can produce a surface which is both easier to clean and which can withstand repeated cleansings without damage to the coatings on the bricks. We recommend NanoPave JSS Natural Look, manufactured by TechniSoil, for this purpose. NanoPave JSS Natural Look is a water-based, VOC-free product which can be purchased locally or through McNear Brick & Block. A pump-spray canister is typically used to apply NanoPave JSS Natural Look, and a small test application should be done first in an unobtrusive area to determine the amount of coating desired. Correctly applied, NanoPave Natural Look will leave little or no sheen. If a higher sheen is desired, use the NanoPave JSS Enhanced Finish.

We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** sealing the following colors:

Black Hills
Greenhill
Portsmouth
Rustic
Sacramento
San Joaquin
Santa Fe
Whitehall

The following colors have especially vulnerable coatings, and **MUST** be sealed:

Balboa
Berkshire
Bromley
Greenwich
Limehouse
Holbourn

When any sealer is applied, always follow the manufacturer's recommendations and instructions. And always test a small, inconspicuous area first.