



Winter treatment of paving

Hardscape are proud to supply quality paving materials and guidance with the maintenance for many of the products we deal with. It is paramount to ensure that the material supplied is maintained effectively according to each of the material-type characteristics.

Winter maintenance can be a particular issue and Hardscape do not recommend the use of Rock Salt on natural stone or indeed concrete paving elements as they have been seen to have an adverse effect on the surface, the main problem being the high concentration of Sodium Chloride (Salt). Hardscape at this time can only recommend the use of natural sand as an anti-slip agent on iced surfaces though there are better choices than rock salt, including Potassium Chloride, Magnesium Chloride, and better yet, Calcium Chloride. All of these have great ice melting attributes and won't injure the pavement surface. Again, avoid using Sodium Chloride.

Hardscape, as part of their ongoing commitment to customer care and service, are carrying out trials with these alternative solutions to give the best advice to their client base. For further technical information please contact:

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