

Concrete Site Furnishings

Care & Maintenance Procedures

Concrete site furnishings can be easily maintained to preserve the attractive appearance and extend the life of the product. If you have any further questions regarding maintenance or any other subject, please contact us directly. When using these procedures, please follow the product manufacturer's instructions regarding the use of any equipment or cleaning materials described here.

Annual Maintenance

Power sweep, then pressure wash total precast surface. Spot clean any stained areas using procedures described below.

To clean marks from concrete products, a simple off-the-shelf cleaner will handle most cases. These types of cleaners are often classified as neutral, non-aggressive cleaners, and may require effort to remove some of the tougher marks.

Examples of off-the-shelf cleaners: Citrus cleaner, Simple Green

In extreme cases, paint thinner or other more aggressive types of cleaners can be used.

Note: Always start with the most neutral cleaner and work your way toward the more aggressive cleaners. The two provided examples are not recommendations of one product over another.

Remember, this is a concrete product and is built to withstand aggressive cleaning. However, the more aggressive the cleaner, the more risk is involved for the person doing the cleaning. Strict adherence to all product warnings is suggested.

Check the precast for broken and chipped pieces. Some pieces may be patched. Notify manufacturer of damaged piece. Manufacturer will then assemble and send a patch kit with repair instructions. Please contact manufacturer before repairing, and review patching procedures.

In all cases after cleaning and patching, it is recommended that the item be sealed or re-stained and sealed. This will help protect the product from the environment. Contact manufacturer for additional instruction or to obtain sealer and stain.

Periodically, the sealer/stain should be reapplied. The frequency between applications is based on time and use. In cases of extreme use, the best time for application is when the appearance of the product is showing wear or is appearing dull.

Weather Maintenance of Concrete

Please be sure to use plastic, rubber or nylon tip equipment; this will help prevent scratches on the concrete.

De-icing salts can damage concrete, causing them to scale or break up. These chemicals should be used sparingly and with caution on our concrete products. No salt-based products should be used. Calcium magnesium acetate and calcium chloride cause the least damage to concrete.

De-icers should be used only when necessary to help loosen snow and ice, and make removal easier. Never over-apply de-icing products, and remove slush before it has the opportunity to refreeze. Mix the de-icers with sand to increase their effectiveness and reduce overall use. Always read and follow label directions when applying de-icing materials.