



## Parties Begin with Paver Patios Starting From the Ground Up

You have sent out the invitations to complete this summer's schedule full of graduation parties, 4th of July barbecues, weddings and receptions, and special Sunday brunches, now all you need is an inviting backyard! Installing a paver patio extends your living space into the outdoors, creating entertaining areas ranging from formal, casual, or simple yet sophisticated to intimate quiet escapes. Benefits of paver patios range from their affordability, durability, and low maintenance to easy repair and pleasing aesthetics.

With continuously expanding product lines of new and innovative interlocking permeable paver products, there is sure to be a distinct paver and pattern that fits your style and your home. Concrete pavers come in a wide range of surface finishes, colors, shapes, and sizes. For example, a concrete style paver can come in a tumbled cobblestone design to give an elegant European feel.

After considering the many varieties of

pavers, there are two options for installing: sand-set and mortar-set. The difference between the two styles is where in one, the pavers are set in sand above an aggregate base, in the other they are set in mortar above a concrete base. Which one is right for your home? The sand-set are actually the better option even though mortar-set might give the perception of being more permanent. Sand-set offers less maintenance, less chance of pavers popping loose due to freezing, and the installation allows for immediate use. Generally, any paver can be sand-set, which provides flexibility in choice and is less costly.



Furthermore, in following through with the true character of an aspiring green Pacific Northwest, versatile sand-set pavers are permeable and an environmentally friendlier solution. Sand-set helps to reduce storm water runoff, while increasing useable space on your property and simultaneously adding to the Home's value.

It is important to make sure that the people installing your paver patio are experienced professionals certified by the Interlocking Concrete Paving Institute (ICPI). This ensures that not only is the company as a whole a genuine preferred contractor, but that the individual employees doing the work are too. Protect yourself and demand professionalism and quality, ask for a certified paver installer to create a unique paver patio catering to your specific landscape and recreational needs.

Spend your summer where it is supposed to be spent—outside. The quickest route? Your backyard paver patio.



For complete information on professionally installed paver patios, you can call Cascadian Landscapers, Inc., a full-service landscape construction company, at 503-647-9933 or visit their website at [www.cascadianlandscapers.com](http://www.cascadianlandscapers.com). CCB #51443 and LBC #5185. ♦