

"Get Educated" about Pavers

Part 1 The Importance of Spacer Bars

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ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS PEOPLE NOTICE WHEN walking or driving up to your home is your paver driveway or walkway surface. It draws their eye up to the front door and beyond. It is the gateway to the rest of your home and your style, and even your personality and what you want your visitors to begin to know about you.

So it is vital to greet your guests with not only an aesthetically pleasing surface, but also with a safe one, free from uneven settling of the ground and chips and cracks that can cause an accident and perhaps even a lawsuit down the line.

Make an educated decision when planning your paver project.

Flagstone Pavers in Brooksville has you covered. Owner Geoff Bond knows more about pavers than many a company owner out there. On their website, www.flagstonepavers.com, Geoff offers clear and concise hands-on educational videos to allow you to learn about pavers, and perhaps more importantly, understand the difference between a quality Flagstone paver and one that is not.

For example, you'll learn what "Spacer Bars" are—they are small protrusions on the sides of pavers that space the pavers apart from each other. They keep uniform spacing and pattern lines; they keep the size of the sand joint to the appropriate width; and they protect the paver edges from chipping.

In Geoff's demonstration entitled, "Spacer Bars Demonstration," he shows you how a competitor's spacer bars come all the way to the surface of the paver. "Once it's positioned into place," Geoff tells us, "you can still see it."



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On the Flagstone paver, however, is what's called a blind spacer, invisible once put in place because their spacer bars only exist part of the way up the paver, still allowing the right amount of space for sand in between the pavers to ensure optimum interlocking, while leaving a much more aesthetically pleasing finished product.

"Spacers are important because they allow the pavers to be set apart from each other and the sand goes in between them and that helps form the interlock that you have between pavers," Geoff explains.

They must be there, just not seen.

This is just one of the many lessons that Geoff Bond is courteous enough to demonstrate for you in the "Get Educated" section of the company's website, to assist you in making an educated decision when planning your paver project.

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