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"Goodbye snow! I'm so done with you. I hope I don't see you 'till next December. I can't wait to get outside and start cleaning up beds and bidding for new jobs. This year will be the best one yet. But hold on a moment. I have to go repair a driveway? I just installed it last year, and it's already wavy and failing? Auuugh, come back snow! Pleeese..."

I have heard this story a few times. It's saddening and preventable. A few inexpensive items to reinforce your work can add the reliability and security you need. A concrete paved driveway or patio is a system with many parts working



together to strengthen each other. With all the components in place, a project can last for a long, long time. Paver based roadways have been used since the Roman Empire dating back to 500 BC. In fact, some of their original work still exists today. The Romans may not have had the materials and technology we use now, but their practices are the foundation of which the paver industry has been built on.

That system only works when all the components are used. You don't plant a tree and not water it, right? So why create a patio or driveway without geo grid or edge restraints? Their purpose is to help disperse weight and hold everything together. These are crucial parts of the system, just like the base material your project will set on. You may think it's not that important or a waste of time because your work looks good after a year or two. But underneath it all,

small changes could happen such as settling and migration. Without something to keep the foundation and product secure, the problem will continue to grow just like a snowball rolling down a hill. Driveways are more susceptible because of the repeated daily use typically over the same area. By the time you start to see the consequences, it's already too late. Installing geogrid and plastic paver edge restraints costs very little time and money. How much time and money will it cost to do a repair?

Call us at the Hardscape Center and ask questions. If we don't know the answers, we know the people who will. We want you to enjoy a great season with peace of mind knowing what you did last year will look great for years to come.



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