

# Gorilla Kleen Addresses Whether Pavers Need Sealing After Pressure Washing as Dry Season Arrives

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A common question homeowners in Sarasota ask is do pavers need sealing after a pressure washing, and the short answer is that sealing is not required. In Florida's combination of intense sun, heavy rain, and salt air, however, a quality sealer keeps stains from soaking into the surface and holds the joint sand in place between the pavers. That distinction is drawing fresh attention this month as the region enters the stretch of the calendar best suited to the work.

The timing is tied to local weather patterns. According to the National Weather Service office in Tampa Bay, Sarasota's rainy season ended in mid-October. NOAA climate normals list November as the driest month of the year in the area, averaging just 1.81 inches of rain. Because paver sealer must be applied to dry pavers and requires stretches of dry weather to cure properly, late fall through spring is the window when a sealing job tends to hold up longest.

The sequence matters as much as the season. Industry guidance from the Interlocking Concrete Pavement

Institute notes that pavers should be cleaned at pressures appropriate to the surface before any sealer is applied, so that dirt and growth are removed rather than driven into the joints. Cleaning first, then allowing the surface to dry, sets the foundation for the sealer to bond.

How often homeowners should repeat the process depends on the product and exposure. Paver manufacturer Nicolock recommends resealing roughly every three to five years, depending on wear and sunlight. National cost data compiled by Fixr shows paver sealing expenses vary by square footage and sealer type, which is part of why many homeowners weigh the step against the surfaces they most want to protect.

John McLoud, a spokesperson for Gorilla Kleen, said homeowners can gauge whether a previous sealer has worn off without specialized tools. "A simple water test tells the story," McLoud said. "Pour a small amount of water on the pavers. If it beads up and sits on the surface, the sealer is still doing its job. If the water darkens the paver and soaks in quickly, the protection has worn away and it may be time to clean and reseal."

McLoud added that the current weather pattern is the practical reason the subject comes up each autumn. "The pavers have to be dry going in, and the forecast has to stay dry while it cures," he said. "That is simply easier to count on once the rainy season is behind us."

The distinction between cleaning and sealing is often misunderstood. Pressure washing removes the dirt, mold, and growth that accumulate on a paved surface, while sealing is a separate step that addresses whether that surface stays protected afterward. Understanding the difference helps homeowners decide whether the additional step fits their situation, and the dry months provide the conditions under which the work can be completed reliably.

Gorilla Kleen is a locally owned pressure washing company based in Sarasota, Florida, serving residential and commercial properties. Services include commercial and residential pressure washing, paver sealing, and roof pressure washing, using biodegradable detergents and eco-friendly methods. The company is licensed, insured, accredited by the Better Business Bureau, and a member of the Power Washers of North America.

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