

Acorn Tuckpointing and Masonry Restoration

Chicagoland Fireplace and Chimney Restoration Is Offering Masonry Repairs In The Greater Chicago Area

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Chicagoland Fireplace & Chimney Restoration is offering masonry repair and tuckpointing services in the Greater Chicago area. The company's website has posted an in-depth discussion on the process behind tuckpointing and why it is an important home maintenance task that should be regularly performed to maintain optimum fireplace and chimney health.

Tuckpointing is the process of replacing the mortar between the brick and stone and fixing any bad mortar joints. The tricky part is to match the existing colors as accurately as possible so that the old and new mortar blend in seamlessly. The difficulty of getting a smooth and consistent finish is one of the reasons why this task is best left up to the experts, such as those at Chicagoland Fireplace & Chimney Restoration. The company's masonry repair service technicians effortlessly grind out the old damaged mortar and replace it with the new mortar.

Tuckpointing has three definitions. The most common understanding of the term that most people mean when they refer to tuckpointing is called re-pointing. Pointing is the visible, external part of a mortar joint, the mortar line one sees between the blocks, stones, bricks, etc. Re-pointing involves the removal of fading and

old mortar from between the stones, bricks, or blocks and then replacing it with new mortar. The process uses two different mortar colors. One of these mortars matches the color of the brick creating an impression that a fine joint has been used to link the two bricks by essentially matching the brick color with the mortar used to fill the joint. Then, to finish the process, a thinner line of contrasting mortar is added on top.

A spokesperson for the company talks about the process by saying, "Though it may seem like a simple home improvement repair, re-pointing is a task that requires plenty of experience, a steady hand, and a thorough knowledge of materials, like the brick and mortar, used in the construction of the chimney and fireplace. The goal is to achieve a look that will make the chimney disappear in the background and not draw attention to itself like a sore thumb. As a homeowner, you want to hire someone who can restore your home's chimney as close as possible to its original form and color. This is a rare skill that not many handymen possess as it takes years of experience in this field to reach the kind of finesse needed to achieve an immaculate finish. Chicagoland Fireplace & Chimney Restoration is the premier contractor in the Greater Chicago area that can help you achieve that coherent and flawless appearance for your chimney. So call us today and we will help repair and restore your home's chimney with the best and most affordable tuckpointing and masonry repair services offered in the region."

There are three key parts to tuckpointing - old mortar removal, cleanup, and new mortar application. First, the old and deteriorating joints in the stone, block, and brick masonry block are removed using plugging or joint chisels, dogging, and tools comb hammers. Residential tuckpointing involves power cleaning the masonry wall using an angle grinder that has a 5 or 6 mm mortar raking. A vacuum may also be used to make dust control easy.

According to Chicagoland Fireplace & Chimney Restoration, the first step of old mortar removal is often ignored by most general contractors in Chicago as is evident after a cursory inspection of the chimneys in the city. Ignoring the step can lead to newly applied mortar being unable to adhere completely to the brick and dropping way before its time.

The cleanup step involves eliminating any remaining wreckage and dust from the surfaces of the masonry. It also involves dampening them to ensure a thorough grip for the newly applied mortar. Finally, new mortar application is a slow and tedious process that the technicians at Chicagoland Fireplace & Chimney Restoration carry out using distinct hand tools such as a slasher, also known as a mortar jointer, a pointing trowel, and a tray.

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