

# Expert Tips and Advice

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*Spring is around the corner. Now we can all look forward to warmer temperatures and more fun.*

*If you are planning on starting a Landscaping, Interlocking or Sealing project, like your interlocking driveway, walkway or garage floor, it is the perfect time to reserve your project and receive a discount savings of 10%, valid until May 15th, 2006.*

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## Spring Interlocking & Garden Maintenance Tips

**INTERLOCKING MAINTANANCE:** Whether you have paid a small fortune to have your paving professionally installed or undertaken the work yourself, the appearance and longevity of the paving can be enhanced by simple and regular maintenance and repair.

All paving should be swept with a stiff brush or broom on a regular basis, to remove dust and detritus that tends to accumulate, especially in sheltered corners, and around drains. This is a perfect job for children or teenagers.

The paving should be inspected on a quarterly basis, looking for loose, damaged or stained paving, and checking that any jointing material is intact.

Another simple maintenance job is to treat the paving with a general-purpose weedkiller two or three times a year. We use sodium chlorate to treat the drives that we maintain on behalf of our clients, but any good weedkiller, such as 'PathClear' could be used.

A solution of the weedkiller is prepared according to manufacturers instructions and applied to the paving via a watering can, ensuring every part of the paving is doused with the solution. We treat the paving in early March and again in June. Occasionally we will repeat the treatment in September, if the need arises.

Most paving will require no further maintenance, but the appearance of the work can be enhanced by cleaning with a power washer. This is another early spring task, and can readily be undertaken by the householder or by us.

**GARDENING:** As your garden awakes from winter hibernation, here is a list of things that should be tended to in the spring:

**Pruning:** For early blooming shrubs prune them as soon as blooms have passed.

**Deadheading and Weeding:** Remove spent flowers from bulbs and pull weeds from your beds and borders. This will stop them before they have time to spread.

**Fertilize and Mulch:** Spring is a great time to fertilize fruit trees also fertilize and

mulch beds and borders.

**Tools:** Early spring is good time for preparing your tools and making any repairs or new purchases.

**Plant:** Add new plants to your garden for fresh, new look. However, its important to be sure the threat of frost has past.

**Lawn Care:** If you want to start a new lawn from seed, spring is the best time to do it. For established lawns, start mowing in the spring, but do not cut the grass very short for the first few times.

