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Care for pavers

Rust type stains on pavers caused by weed-and-feed

Problem: After weed-and-feeding the lawn butting up against our sandstone paving, rust-type stains have appeared. We have tried bore stain remover plus scrubbing with plain water to no avail. What do I do?

Answer: It is likely that your weed-and-feed contained some tannins or oxides that have created the stains. Both of these can be removed by scrubbing with a paste of glycerine and talcum powder.

Staining from fat and oil splashes from a BBQ

Problem: We have cream brick paving around our BBQ area which has become stained with fat splashes on it. How do we clean them?

Answer: There are a couple of things you can do to remove fat from pavers or cement. Your dishwashing liquid applied with hot water and a broom will remove any surface oil or fat. However, if it has sunk into the surface you will need to use plaster of paris. Mix plaster of paris with water to about the consistency of peanut butter. To each cup of the mixture you make, add one teaspoon of dishwashing liquid and stir thoroughly. Paint the plaster of paris over the stains to a depth of 1.5cms or as thick as your finger. Allow the mixture to dry completely and then sweep it away. It acts like a sponge and actually sucks the oil and grease out of the pavers.

Source: Shannon Lush

Tyre Marks

Problem: How do I remove tyre rubber from my driveway?

Answer: A lot of the products that most people think will clean rubber actually partially melt the rubber and spread it, making it more difficult to get off. The easy way to remove it is to stuff a stiff broom into the leg of a pair of pantyhose and damp it. Scatter a good sprinkle of coarse cooking salt (not iodised) over the marks and scrub with your damp, wrapped broom. If you have already attempted to remove the marks with other products then you may need to scrub a little longer, but it will come off.

Source: Shannon Lush

Moss Stains

Problem: How do we remove moss stains?

Answer: Moss stains are best lifted from their pavers by first brushing the area and then soaking it in a solution of vinegar and water. A gentle wash with water after 10 minutes should remove the stain.

Source: House & Garden Magazine

Bore Stains

Problem: I have the typical bore water rust stains on my paving and walls from the sprinklers. How do I go about removing them?

Answer: Bore water staining on walls and paving is common around Perth and many country areas of WA. Sometimes known as iron stain, or rust, it can be removed with proprietary chemical brands or you can make up your own recipe using chemical products if you have access to them.

Good results have been attained by washing the stained surface with a solution containing:

50g oxalic acid
20g sodium fluoride
15g citric acid
1L water

Apply the solution to the stain and leave it until it has disappeared. When the stain has disappeared, wash the surface down thoroughly with a solution containing 10g of washing soda per litre of water.

If using proprietary cleaning products, these can often be used in conjunction with high-pressure water cleaning equipment, which can be hired from most DIY outlets.

Always test this solution and any proprietary products on an area that is out of the way to ensure it doesn't alter the finish of your pavers.

Source: Home Base Expo DIY Library