

Dear Homeowners

April 16,2026

Driveway Cleaning Rule

If you received a notice to clean your driveway it was based on the majority view of the UGE Board members.

Notifications to remedy were sent to any home that is deemed to need work. For more information about notices refer to “**UGE Exterior Maintenance Policy Guidelines**” (Adopted 8/13/2020).

- There is no current Board policy or Architectural Criteria that limits a homeowner wishing to use High- or Low-Pressure cleaning methods. From what we could find on the internet, most prioritize soft washing—using low-pressure water and cleaning agents—over high-pressure cleaning to avoid damage. The **Board does recommend** some sort of protection for the landscaping:

Pre-wet plants and cover delicate vegetation with plastic sheeting to prevent damage from runoff. When all the surface work is complete, a thoroughly rinse is required of all plantings and lawn to dilute any cleaning chemical residue that may have been used.

- If you are considering applying a preventative treatment other than a colorless treatment and/or a clear sealant for your driveway and/or home entrance, it **must be approved** by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) prior to pressure-washing.

- a) The ARC believes the paver bricks color has faded, due to the paver color is mostly a surface color **stain and other coloring agents**. Tinted sealer/sealant coating will be allowed in our HOA at this time. The color saturation must range from Clear/Toner (shows current paver with light protection), to semi-transparent (adds some color while underline paver colors shows through).



Semi-solid to solid stains offering high pigment will not be allowed in our HOA at this time. **No paint of any kind** will be allowed to be used on pavers. Apply a maximum of two coats color sealants to prevent buildup and make the color too opaque (making the color be less transparent).

- b) In Florida, sealant should generally be applied or reapplied every **3 to 5 years** for optimal protection against harsh UV rays and heavy summer rains.
- c) No sealant lasts forever. In Florida, it is generally recommended not to apply top-coat sealants more than once every two years to prevent buildup, though some warranties differ.



Photos were taken on the same day and minutes apart, showing the two extremes of color choice. Both homeowners said they tried to match the color of the new paver bricks used to expand their driveways (8156 and 8143). Driveway stain at 8156 36th Street would be the brightest, 3624 81st Street would be considered mid-range in color intense stain, and 8143 36th Street would be considered the darkest allowed.

Here is an interesting YouTube video on staining pavers. “[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= MHPfDdnFKQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHPfDdnFKQ)”

We are not recommending or indorsing any staining service and/or any manufacturer’s product.

Sincerely yours,

Architectural Review Committee