

BASIC ARRISCRAFT CARE

Store masonry units on skids above ground and under protective covering. For extended storage periods, remove plastic wrap and cover material with tarps.

INSTALLATION

Arriscraft recommends a Type N proportion Mortar (1:1:6 ratio) – part Portland cement, 1 part type S Hydrated lime, 6 parts washed masonry sand.

- Lay units with full head and bed joints except when used for weep holes and ventilation.
- Cut and remove extra mortar with trowel as the units are laid.
- Place units to tightly compress mortar. Do not readjust once set.
- Tool joints when mortar is thumbprint hard. Time depends on mortar properties and weather conditions.
- Tool joints to a tightly compressed surface to achieve the most weather resistance. Concave tooled joints offer the best moisture resistance.
- After tooling, brush excess mortar from the masonry surface with a soft bristle brush.
- Consider pre-dampening the units in hot, dry or windy weather conditions.
- Arriscraft Masonry units are not suited for paver installations.
- Do not apply water repellent or graffiti proofing sealers to masonry units.

CLEANING

- If you clean as you work, there will be no need for aggressive post-construction cleaning.
- Test a small area before cleaning entire building. Inspect test area 3-7 days AFTER test. Use approved cleaning procedure only.
- Acid-based detergents and cleaners will darken the color of masonry units and may alter the natural texture.
- Completely pre-soak wall to be cleaned before applying any type of cleaning solution. Keep units wet during cleaning and final rinsing.
- Dilute cleaning agent with clean water in amounts approved on the site panel.
- Apply solution to pre-soaked area with a masonry cleaning brush.
- Only use medium pressure (300-700 psi) rinsing water. High pressure may change texture and damage mortar joints.

THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL CLEANING IS A LARGE SOURCE OF CLEAN WATER.

1. Pre-soak the masonry.
2. Dilute the cleaning agent. Use a soft washing brush.
3. Completely rinse all cleaning solution from the wall using high water volume at a controlled pressure (less than 700 psi).

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