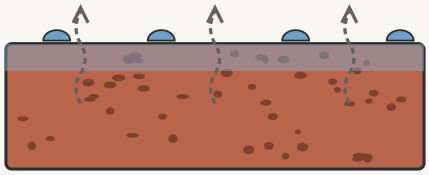
CARE GUIDE · SEALING BRICK

Sealing brick the right way

When to seal, which sealer, and how to apply it without harming old brick.

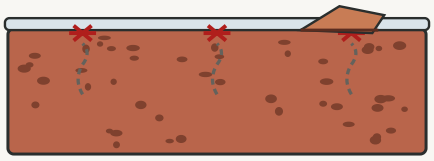
✓ USE ON RECLAIMED BRICK



Breathable penetrating sealer

Soaks in. Rain beads off, moisture inside can still escape.

× AVOID ON RECLAIMED WALLS



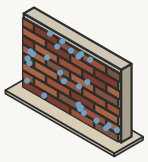
Film-forming sealer

A surface skin traps moisture. Old, soft brick can spall.

Should you seal it?

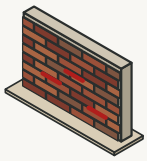
WHERE	SEAL?	WHAT TO USE	RESEAL
Reclaimed outside walls	Optional	Breathable penetrating, or none if it drains well	5–10 years
Patios and paths in sand	Yes, later	Paver sealer, once the joint sand has settled	When it stops beading
Indoor brick floors	Yes	Penetrating or low-sheen, after the grout cures	2–4 years
Indoor walls, thin brick	Optional	Clear matte, behind stoves and sinks	As needed
Fireplace surround, hearth	Optional	Heat-rated product. **Never inside the firebox**	As needed

1 Clean and dry



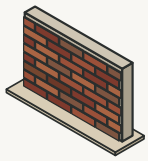
Wash off dirt, moss and efflorescence. Let it dry 24–48 hours.

2 Repair first



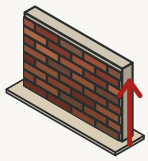
Fix cracks. New mortar: wait about 28 days. Crumbling old joints: repoint with lime.

3 Test a spot



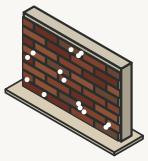
Try it on a spare brick or hidden corner. Old brick can darken.

4 Apply thin



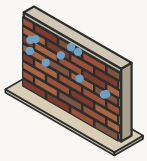
Brush, roller or low-pressure sprayer, from the bottom up.

5 Second coat



Only if the label says so, usually wet-on-wet.

6 Let it cure



Keep off traffic and water until the label says it is ready.

Pick the day Dry, overcast · Above 40–50°F · No rain for 24 h

Avoid Wet brick · Film sealer on old brick · Skipping prep

Repoint before you seal

Crumbling joints? NHL 3.5 lime mortar: breathable, for joints ⅜" and wider

A sample quart
By priority mail in 1–3 days. Check the color.

By the bag
38.5 lb, pre-blended with graded sand. Just add water.

By the pallet
64 bags, for whole-house repointing.

Brick calculator
Scan to count bricks and mortar bags

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