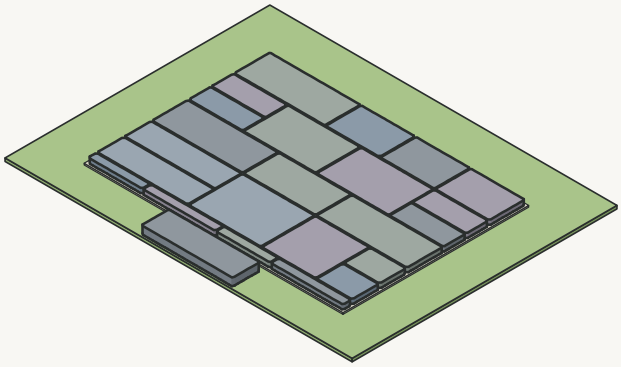
CARE GUIDE · RECLAIMED BLUESTONE

Caring for reclaimed bluestone

Old stone asks for little: protect the weathered face on top and the base below.



At a glance

	✓ Do	× Avoid
Cleaning	Sweep, rinse, wash with mild soap and a stiff brush	Acid cleaners, pressure washers, wire brushes
Stains	Treat grease fast; let leaf marks fade	Harsh chemicals you haven't tested
Sealing	Optional: breathable, penetrating	Film, topical or wet-look coatings
Snow, ice	Plastic shovel; chloride melts sparingly, or sand	Rock salt, fertilizer melts, metal blades
Joints, base	Top up each spring; re-bed what rocks	A loose stone left through winter

1 Sweep often



Grit and wet leaves hold water on the stone and wear the face.

2 Wash gently



Water, mild pH-neutral soap, a stiff nylon brush. Rinse well.

3 Grease fast



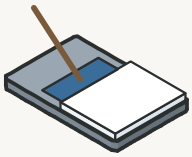
Blot, cover with clay cat litter overnight, sweep, then wash.

4 Seal? Optional



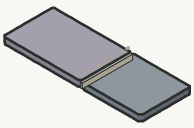
Only a breathable penetrating sealer for natural stone. Test first.

5 Shovel early



Plastic blade. Chloride melts sparingly, or sand.

6 Top up joints



Sweep in stone dust each spring. Re-bed any slab that rocks.

Through the year

Spring	Sweep up winter sand, wash, top up joints, pull weeds, check for rocking slabs and steps.
Summer	Sweep and rinse. Clean grease and food spills quickly. Scrub green growth in the shade.
Fall	Keep leaves off, clear drains, fix mortar joints, reset anything that moves before the freeze.
Winter	Shovel early with plastic. No rock salt. Chloride melts sparingly; sand for grip.

Good to know

Leaf and berry marks
Sun and rain fade them; a wash helps.

Moss in the shade
Scrub it off. The lasting fix is sun and drainage.

Reseal when needed
When water stops beading, often every few years.

Test first
Every product on a spare piece. Let it dry.

Ways to buy

Reclaimed Northeast bluestone · every piece different · LEED material reuse

See it first
Come to the yard in Nanuet, NY. No appointment; call ahead and we'll be ready.

Steps, by the piece
Curbstone, 2–8 ft long, 14–20" deep, 4–6" thick. About 100 lb per foot.

Slabs, by the pallet

	3 ft slabs	4 ft slabs	5 ft slabs
Width	2–3 ft	2–4 ft	2–5 ft
Covers	~100 ft²	~100 ft²	~100 ft²

Full pallets only · 2–4" thick · ~3,950 lb · joints not counted

Count your slabs
Scan for the bluestone slab calculator: pallets for your area

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