



## Choosing the Right Contractor

Interlocking concrete pavement systems are best built by professional contractors specializing in segmental pavement construction. They can complete a high-quality job quickly and safely because they have the right equipment, the right materials, and the right skills and knowledge.

### Why is ICPI Certification Important?

You are investing in long-lasting interlocking concrete pavement. Like any construction project, the quality of the finished product is highly dependent on the quality of the contractor doing the work. Because of that, we recommend hiring an ICPI Certified Concrete Paver Installer.

#### Certified Installers:

- Have installed a minimum of 10,000 square feet of pavers
- Attended a 2-day intensive training course on industry best practices for installation of interlocking concrete pavers
- Passed a written certification exam
- Complete continuing education requirements to stay on top of industry best practices



Verify installer certification and find additional information on choosing the right contractor at [www.icpi.org](http://www.icpi.org). In addition to certification, it is recommended that homeowners also check job references, visit previously-installed projects, and verify insurance and applicable licenses.

### Suggested Questions to Ask Contractors

ICPI recommends getting written proposals from at least three contractors. Be sure the contractor visits your home before providing the proposal. Please note that the lowest bid might not always be the best option. To ensure a quality installation, be sure to ask the following questions:

- How long have they been installing pavers?
- Have they been trained by a manufacturer or the ICPI? Do they have ICPI Certified Installers on staff?
- What percentage of their total business consists of installing concrete pavers?
- Will they provide you with three project references? Be sure to ask for references from recent and past jobs. Can you contact their references and inspect the jobs?
- Do they have a portfolio of photos and letters to demonstrate their range of skills and quality of workmanship?

While the contractor is working on your property, they should be insured for any damage and injuries that may occur.

- Can the contractor provide proof that Worker's Compensation insurance covers all employees on the job?
- Do they have current Liability Insurance? Ask for a copy of their certificate.
- Will they install the job per ICPI specifications? Can they supply a copy?
- Do they provide a written, itemized proposal outlining the scope of work and terms of payment? It should include starting and completion dates, demolition and excavation, paving and base materials, and taxes.
- How long do they guarantee their work and do they return to inspect it?
- Are they members of the ICPI or other associations?



# Contractor Comparison Checklist

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CONTRACTOR INFORMATION			
1 Company Name			
Address			
Phone #			
Contact			
2 Workmanship Warranty (yrs)			
3 Job References Confirmed	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3
INSTALLATION PROCEDURES			
1 Excavation			
Depth			
Volume			
Final Elevation Agreed Upon	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2 Base Construction			
Type of Material			
Depth of Material			
-- walkway (min 4 in.)			
-- driveway (min 8 in.)			
Compaction			
-- with moisture	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
-- maximum 4 in. layers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Woven Geotextile (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3 Bedding Layer			
Coarse Washed Sand, i.e., concrete sand	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Depth (max 1 1/2 in.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4 Pavers			
Quantity (Sq. Ft.)			
Supplier			
Materials Warranty			
Shape			
Color			
Laying Pattern			
5 Edge Restraints			
Type			
Quantity (Lin. Ft.)			
Base Extends beyond (min 6 in.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Jointing Sand			
Fine Washed Sand, i.e., masonry sand	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Compact in Both Directions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Sweeps into Joints	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>TOTAL COST</b>			
NOTES			