



Hardscapes Guide To Your Pool





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Broom Finished Concrete

Broom finish concrete, also known as brushed concrete, involves dragging a broom with stiff bristles across the surface of wet concrete to create a textured finish. This method is widely used due to its effectiveness in providing a slip-resistant surface, which enhances safety, especially around pools.





Stamped Concrete

Stamped concrete involves pouring concrete and then embossing it with patterns or textures before it sets. This technique allows for a wide range of designs, making it a popular choice for patios, driveways, walkways, and pool decks. The process uses special molds and colors to create a surface that resembles high-end materials while maintaining the durability of concrete.



Pool coping not stamped



Pool coping not stamped





Salt Stamped Concrete

Salt stamped finish concrete is a decorative technique that involves embedding coarse rock salt crystals into freshly poured concrete before it sets. This process creates a textured surface with shallow indentations, enhancing both aesthetics and safety. The salt is washed away after the concrete hardens, resulting in a unique, subtle sparkle that adds character to outdoor spaces like patios, walkways, and driveways.

Pool coping not salt stamped



Border edge not salt stamped



Stamped & Sealed Concrete

Sealed concrete refers to a concrete surface that has been treated with a protective coating or penetrating sealer. This process creates a barrier that protects the concrete from environmental damage, stains, and wear. The sealing process can involve various types of sealers, including acrylic, polyaspartic, and urethane, each offering different levels of protection and durability. However, sealed concrete may be more slippery when wet and not always recommended around pools.

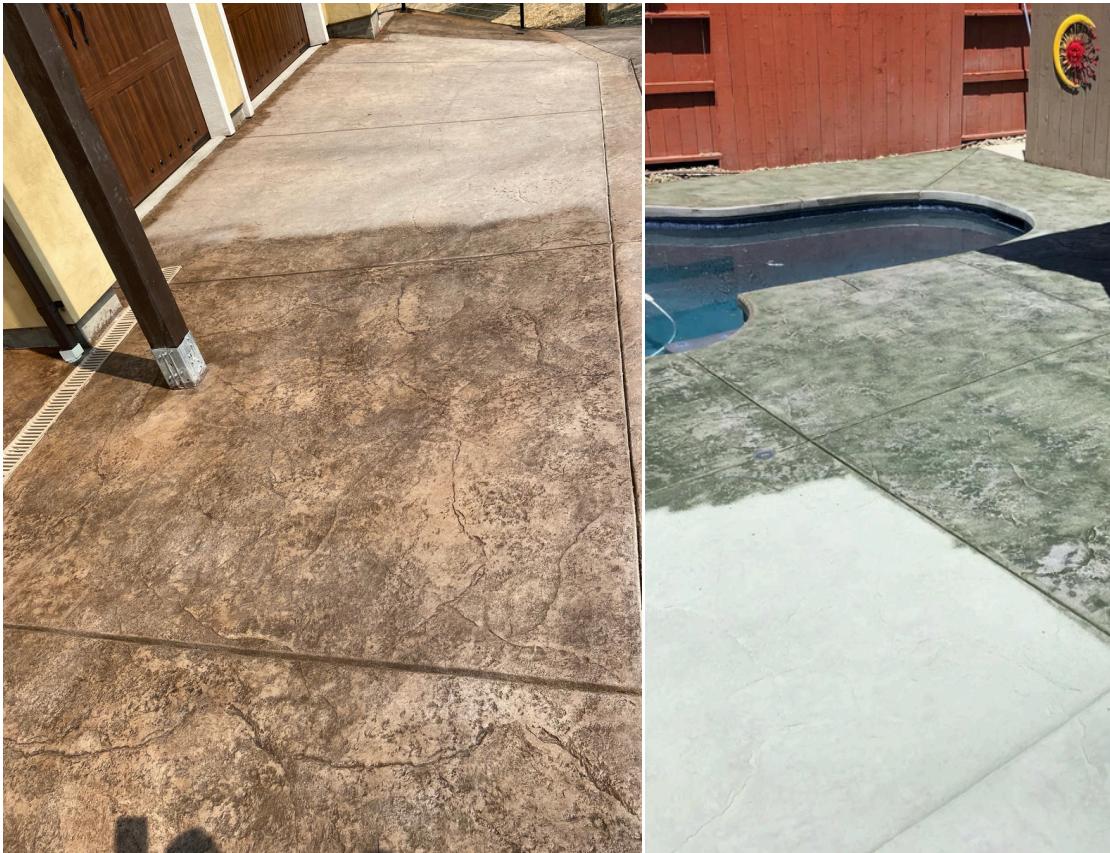
Stamped & Sealed



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Stamped & Sealed progress Photos





Pavers





Cantilever Concrete

Cantilever concrete is when the concrete deck is poured continuously and overhangs the edge of the pool bond beam.

Decorative border but still cantilever





Coping

Pool coping is the cap or edging that surrounds the top perimeter of a swimming pool. It serves several purposes. The benefits of coping include a uniformed finish around the bond beam. Aesthetic preferences and reduces risk of cracks in the surrounding concrete as compared to with cantilever concrete. For more information about coping and types, please see our pool language guide at the back of our handbook.

