

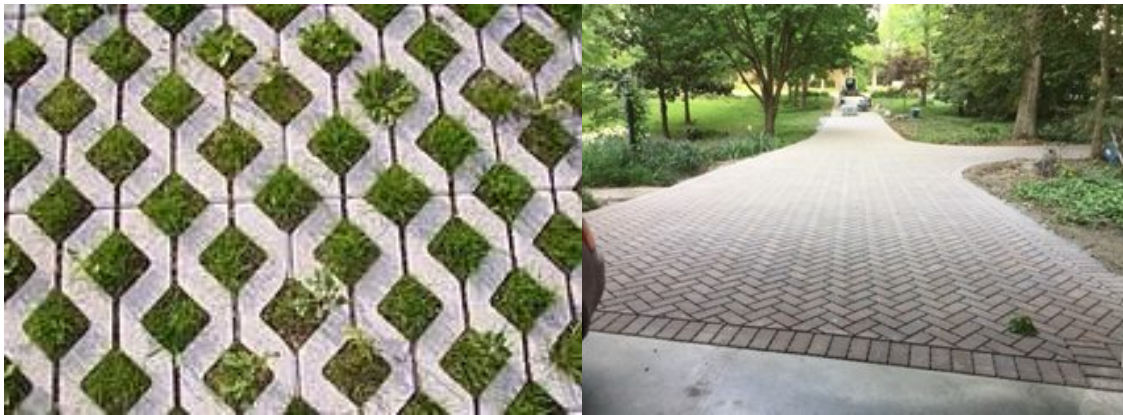
Choose Permeable Paving

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If you're planning to add a patio or re-pave a driveway, consider using any type of permeable paving to reduce storm water runoff.

Typically, from late August to early October, Southeastern PA experiences heavy storms not to mention the inevitable insurance claims soon after. The increasing severity of these storms means we, as productive members of our respective communities, need to be proactive to reduce the impact of rainwater damage.

Permeable pavers are superior to concrete patios because they allow water to flow downward, penetrating enough ground to help prevent the rainwater from flowing across the surface, and into someone's home.



Large patches of grass can also cause similar problems as the roots of the grasses mesh together creating a sort of impermeable surface similar to a concrete patio or a solid driveway. Allowing native drought tolerant plants, grasses or wild flowers to grow into a meadow is a way to stop runoff. When these grasses or plants grow wild, the roots spread allowing the water seep into the ground much faster than closely cut grass.

