

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO PAINTING PIER CAPS

Painting or sealing your pier cap will enhance their street appeal. It also allows you to decorate so that your fence matches your home. Painting or sealing your pier caps will also greatly minimize efflorescence.

Before you begin you will need the following supplies:

- ▶ Paint- Only use exterior water based paint for use with masonry. Dulux Weathershield and Solagard are both excellent paints for pier caps.
- ▶ Paint Brush
- ▶ Hand brush/broom
- ▶ Roller
- ▶ Rags
- ▶ File
- ▶ Carpet
- ▶ Sandpaper (fine)
- ▶ Cardboard

STEP 1

Turn your pier cap over and carefully set it on a piece of old carpet. Because your cap is concrete it may be damaged if not placed on a soft surface.

STEP 2

Brush the bottom and the edges to remove any dirt or dust. If you use any water in the cleaning process, the pier cap must dry completely before applying any paint.

STEP 3

Use a paintbrush to apply paint around the edges. Be careful not to apply the paint too thick, or it will drip.

STEP 4

Cover the rest of the bottom of the pier cap with a roller. Use even strokes and do not apply too thick a layer. Lay off when finishing to give a nice even coat. One layer of paint is fine for the bottom of your pier cap.

STEP 5

Once the bottom of the pier cap is dry, carefully turn it over, setting it down on the carpet.

STEP 6

Prepare the surface for painting. Lightly file down the edges if needed. Brush off any dirt, dust, or debris. The surface must be clean and completely dry before you paint.

STEP 7

Use a paintbrush to brush around the edges. Coat the edges completely, being careful to keep the paint from running.

STEP 8

Use the paint roller to paint the rest of the surface. Lay off after applying the paint to ensure a nice even coat. You will likely need two to three coats of paint on the topside of your pier cap.

STEP 9

Allow the pier cap to dry completely

STEP 10

Lightly sand the surface to ensure that the paint will adhere to the first coat.

STEP 11

Paint the same way you did the first coat. First use the paintbrush for the edges and then finish with the roller.

STEP 12

Allow second coat to dry. If you need an additional coat then repeat steps 9-11.

Once your pier cap is dry, you are ready to install the pier cap or place it on top of the pier.

