

There are rules...

Welcome Home! As a new homeowner in the beautiful (but regulated) Bay Area, managing your property's land is key to avoiding fines, floods, or neighbor disputes.

This **guide** covers essentials like digging safely, drainage, sewers, and permits. For expert paver installations that enhance drainage and curb appeal, contact Bayside Pavers at https://baysidepavers.com/new-homeowners.

Quick Tip: Always check your city's rules—counties oversee unincorporated areas, but cities handle most residential zones.





1- Dig Safely Call 811 FIRST

Before any digging (fences, trees, patios), call to locate underground utilities (gas, electric, water, sewer).

Phone: 811 (free, 24/7) or 800-642-2444

Online: Submit ticket at USA North 811

Timeline: Request 2+ business days ahead; marks are valid 28

days.

Why: Hitting a line can cause explosions, outages, or \$50K+ fines.



2- Sewer Lateral

Your Pipe, Your Responsibility

The "lateral" is the pipe from your home to the street main. You're on the hook for maintenance/repairs.

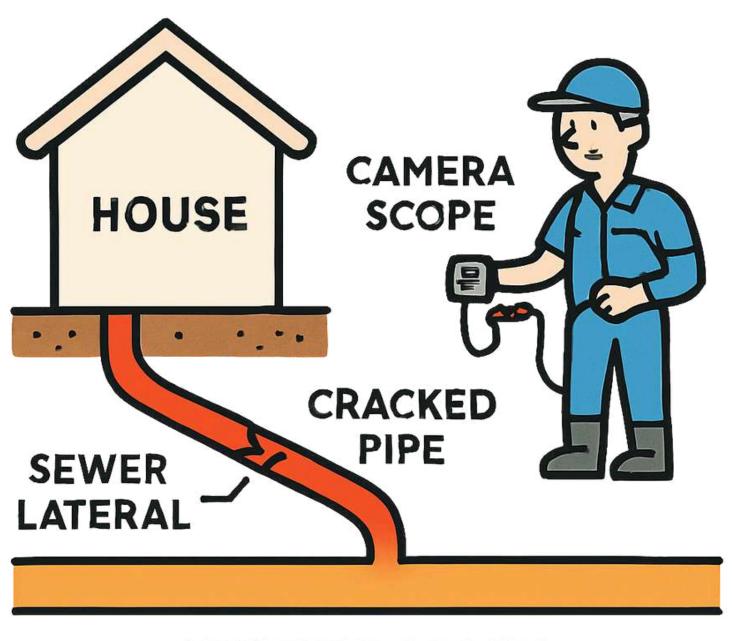
Inspect: Video scope every 5-10 years; required at sale in many areas (e.g., SF, East Bay programs).

Common Issues: Roots, cracks—fix before backups flood your yard.

Cost: \$5K-\$15K to replace; grants available in some counties

Pro Tip: Don't flush wipes! Call plumber if clogged.



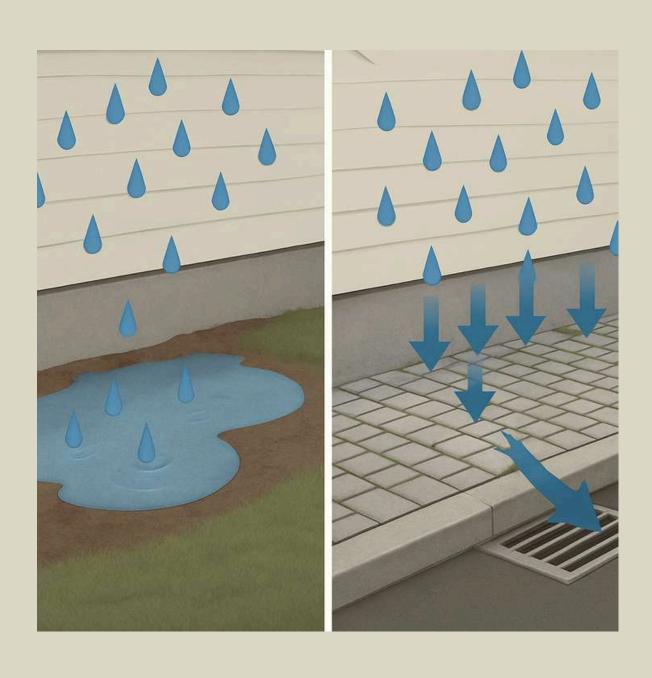


STREET MAIN

3- Drainage & Water Runoff



Keep It Flowing Right



Rules: Runoff must go to street/permitted areas; no concentrating flow onto neighbors (nuisance liability).

Best Management Practices: Use permeable pavers, French drains, rain gardens to infiltrate 25%+ of runoff.

Permits: Needed for new impervious surfaces >2,500 sq ft (e.g., driveways); comply with NPDES stormwater rules.

Slopes/Gradients: Aim 2% slope away from foundation; >5% slopes need erosion barriers (straw, silt fences).

Rainy Season (Oct 1-Apr 30): No grading without erosion plan in most counties to prevent sediment in Bay.



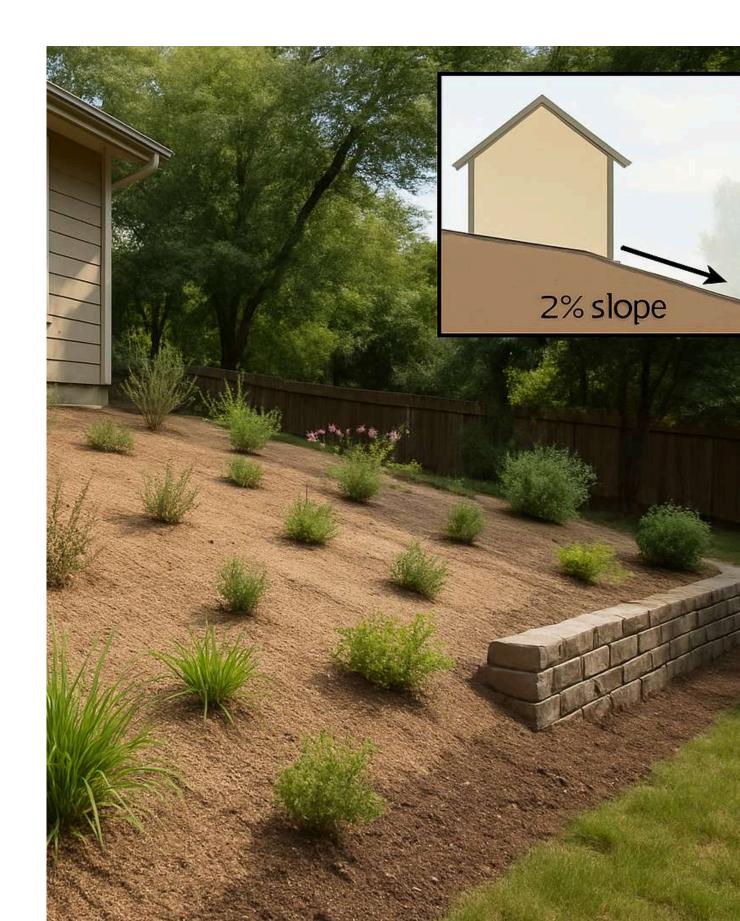
4- Stabilize Your Soil Grading, Slopes & Erosion

Moving dirt? Get a permit to avoid slides or runoff violations.

When Needed: Cuts/fills >50-100 cu yd, >2-5 ft deep, slopes >20%, or near watercourses.

Erosion Control: Vegetate slopes, use geotextiles; plan required for >5,000 sq ft disturbed area.

Retaining Walls: Permit if >4 ft high; engineer stamp often required.





5- Outdoor Utilities Other Must-Knows

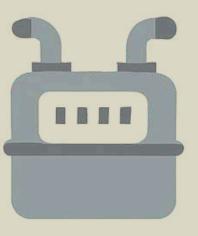


Locate Extras: 811 covers most, but mark private lines (irrigation) yourself.

Permits for Work: Fences (>6 ft), decks, sheds, landscaping altering grade—file with building dept. Fees: \$100-\$1K+.

Trees/Plants: Check invasive species bans; native plants reduce water use.

Emergencies: Flooding? Call county public works. Gas smell? 800-743-5000 (PG&E).



Gas Meter



Water Shutoff Valve



811 Ticket



Native Plant Garden



Alameda County

Public Works: (510) 670-5480

Building/Permits: (510) 670-5868

Contra Costa County

Public Works: (925) 313-2000

Building/Permits: (925) 655-2700

Marin County

Public Works: (415) 473-6530

Building/Permits: (415) 473-6550

Napa County

Public Works: (707) 253-4351

Building/Permits: (707) 253-4417

San Francisco

Public Works: 311 or (415) 554-6600

Building/Permits: (415) 558-6088 (DBI)

San Mateo County

Public Works: (650) 363-4100

Building/Permits: (650) 363-1853

Santa Clara County

Public Works: (408) 573-2400

Building/Permits: (408) 299-5701

Solano County

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Building/Permits: (707) 784-6170

Sonoma County

Public Works: (707) 565-2550

Building/Permits: (707) 565-1900

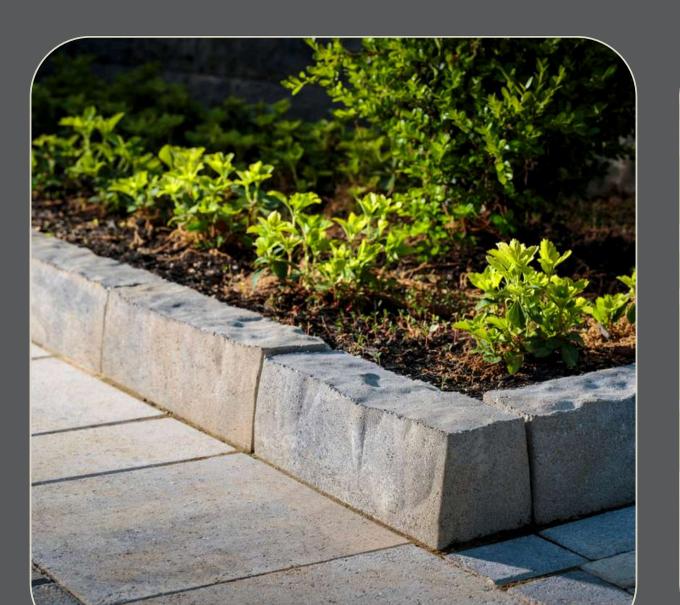
If you need an expert

- Free Consultation
- Free 3D Design

- **Get Ideas**
- **Understand DIY vs. Pros**









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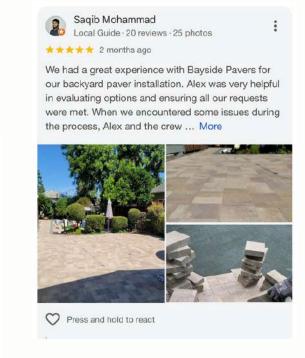
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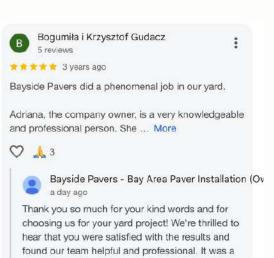
We are planning to re-do the backyard of our new home. The goal is a low maintenance yard with appealing aesthetic but we were unsure how to achieve this. ... More

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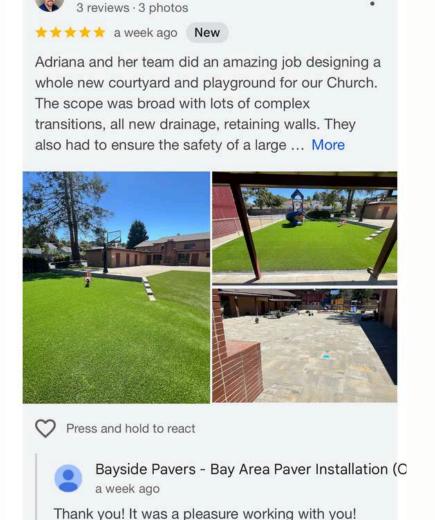
Thank you so much for your kind words, Jen! We're thrilled to hear about your positive experience with Kris and Bayside Pavers. It's wonderful to know that Kris was able to provide the guidance and support you needed to bring your backyard vision to life. Your recommendation means a lot to us, and we look forward to transforming your yard into a beautiful, lowmaintenance space.



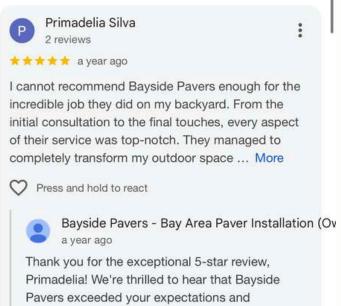


pleasure working with you to bring your design vision to life. Your recommendation means a lot to us, and we're here whenever you need further

assistance. Thank you again!



Jonathan Taylor



transformed your backyard in just 5 days. Your kind words about Alex and the crew's skill, efficiency, and attention to detail mean a lot to us! Demo

We *master* your drainage

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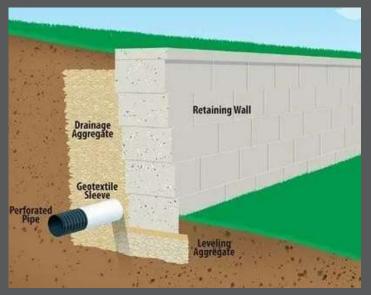
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Channel Drain

Linear surface drain with grate to collect and channel runoff water from hardscapes like driveways.

Wall Drain

Gravel-filled trench behind wall with perforated pipe that sends groundwater away from the wall foundation.

Dry Well

Underground pit filled with gravel to absorb and disperse stormwater into soil.

Pop Up

Connection of roof gutter downspout to underground pipe for directing rainwater away from home.

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Material warranty: lifetime



Craftsmanship warranty: 25 years



ICPI certified

Quality you can trust.

1. Native Soil

Excavate and compact native soil

2. Geo-Tech Fabric

Lay geo-tech fabric on compacted soil to assist with drainage and prevent weeds.

3. Base Material

2" of aggregate base, compact for foundational stability.

4. Geo Grid

Geo-grid provides foundational support so pavers move together as the eart moves.

5. Base Material

Another layer of 2" base material and re-compact.

6. Bedding Sand

Add bedding sand to prevent cracking and shifting.

7. Pavers

Lay pavers on the bedding sand in desired pattern.

8. Polymetric Sand

Fill the gaps with polymetric sand, compact to lock in place.

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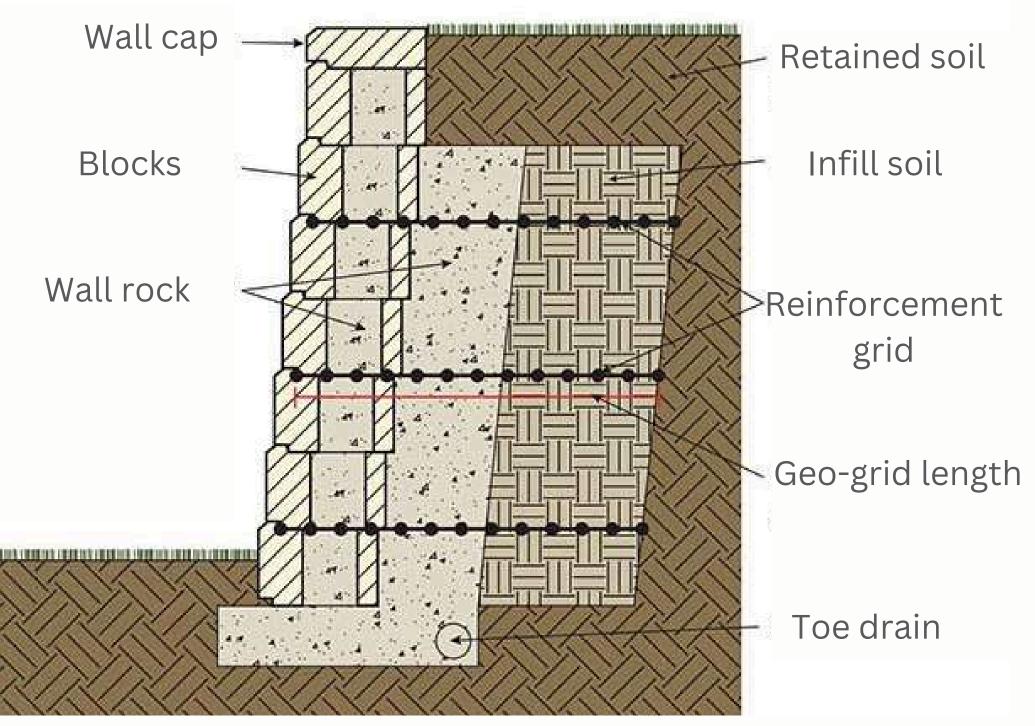
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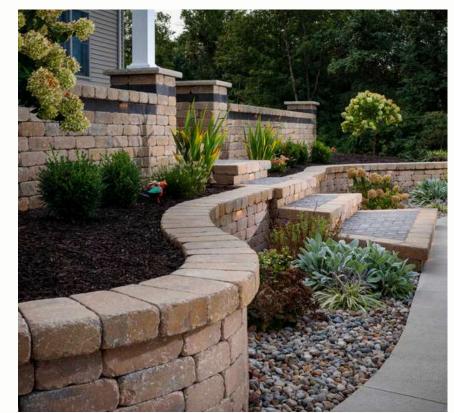
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Fire Pits, Kitchens, Pergolas

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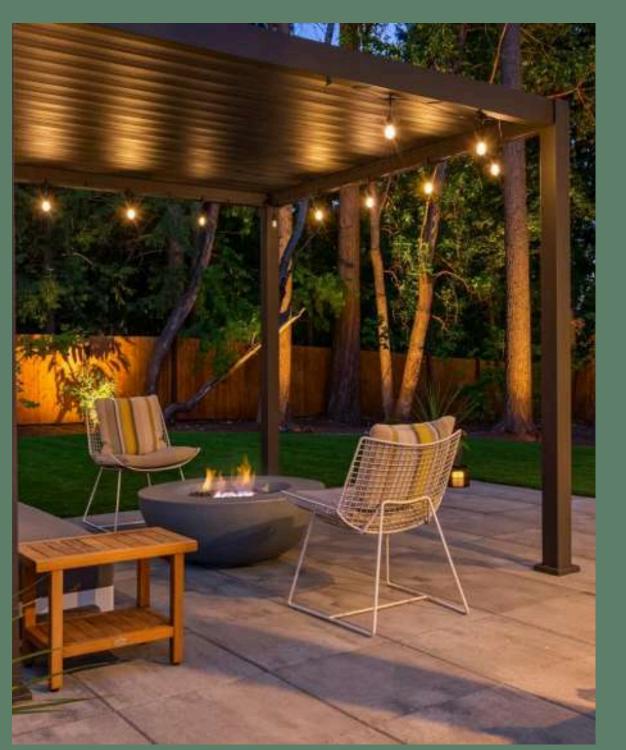
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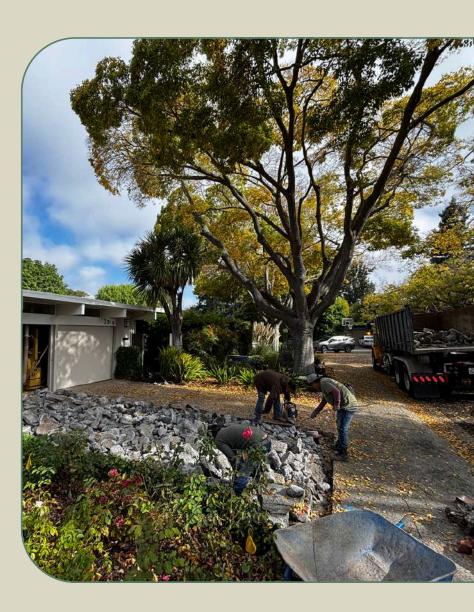
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Streamlined Install



We haul



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Item	Description	Qty	Amount
Pavers			\$22,681.20
Paver installation process	 Demolition and removal of existing hardscape/landscape. Excavate depth per ICPI spec of 7.6" Pedestrian/ 9.6" vehicular. Install geotextile membrane on top of the subsoil to stabilize and prevent rutting/sinking. Install class II base rock 4" Pedestrian/ 6" Vehicular. Compact class II base with the plate vibrator. Screed approximately 1" angle bedding sand. Level off installation area for the true fit of paving stones. Paver stones are hand laid and saw cut to ensure a perfect fit around the perimeter. A bond beam (3" – 4" of concrete). Will be installed wherever there is not a natural edge restraint (i.e. 10. Apply polymeric sand and final plate vibrator compaction. 	e. Garage slab, house, etc.).	
PV BG CATALINA 3PC TMIX	PAVER: Belgard Catalina Grana 3 Pcs. COLOR: THROUGH MIX PATTERN: RANDOM		
CAP BG Melville Wall	CAP: Belgard Melville Wall Cap. (2 X 20 X 13). Install cap on the top of the wall securing it with concrete adhesive. COLOR:		
FSW BG MELVILLE WALL	FSW: BELGARD MELVILLE WALL FSW COLOR: Cap Not included Installation: Wall Footing: Excavate the soil to a depth of 6 inches, 6 inches of gravel base and compaction. French Drain: French Drain Behind Wall (1" to 12" Deep - Perforated 3" pipe). Dig a trench, remove and haul dirt, add perforated pipe, Filter Fabric and drain rock. Install new block wall system desired.		
SPRINKLER Cap	Sprinkler Head - Capping		
UTILITY Water/Sleeve 3/4"	Install 3/4" pipe for future utility line. (in the baserock)		
BORDER BG CAT GRANA	BORDER: Belgard Catalina Grana. COLOR: PATTERN: 6X9 SOLDIER/RUNNING		
Patio			\$5,181.42
PV BG DIMEN 18 TMIX	PAVER: Belgard Dimensions 18 COLOR: THROUGH MIX PATTERN: RANDOM		
PEBBLE MEXICAN NATURAL	Gravel: 4.5" of excavation, 2" of Class 2 Baserock and 2.5" of Mexican pebble. Gravel up to \$400 per ton.		
POST Footing 12x12X12	12" x 12" x 12" Concrete Footing. Excavate and pour concrete footing.		
Utility Electric Outlet	Install Electric Outlet. (Price Per Unit. Does Not Include Pipe and excavation)		

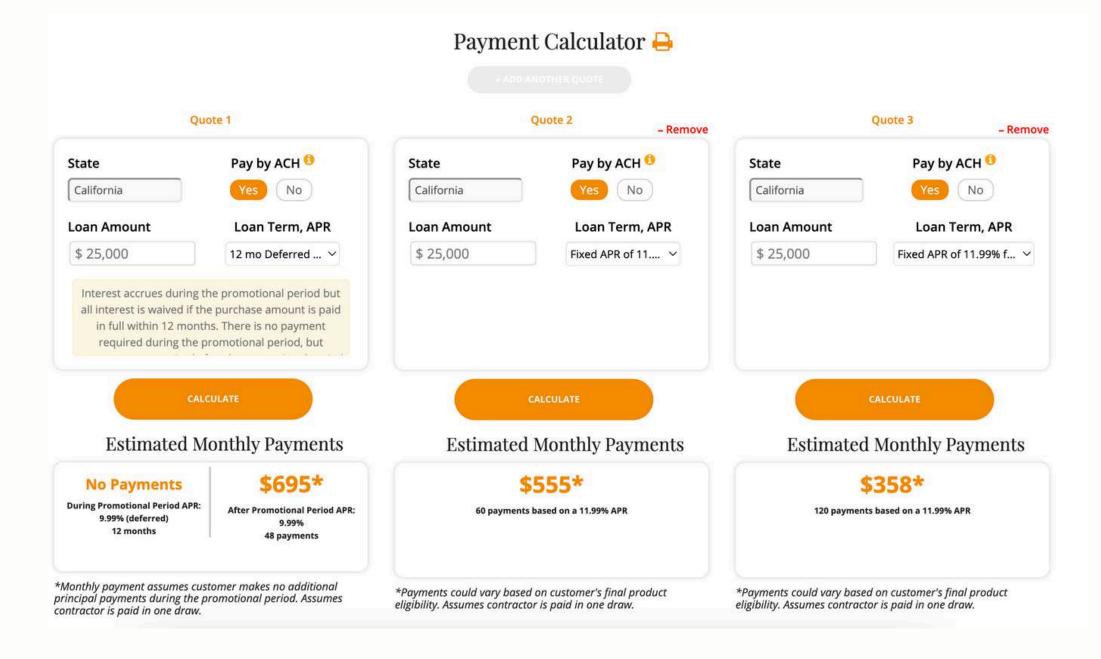


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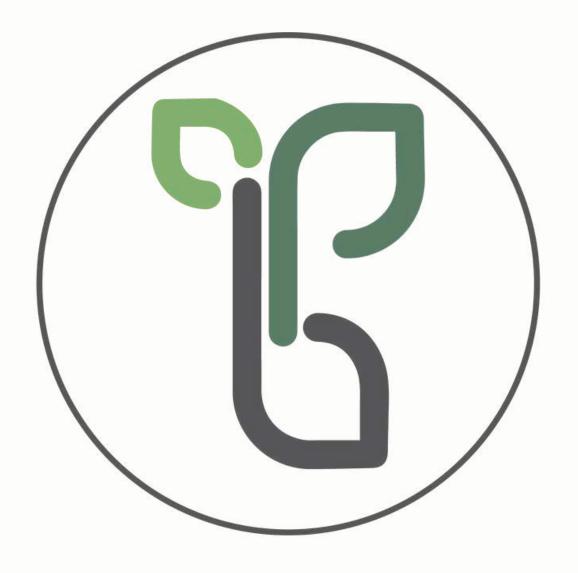
\$1,000 down



Multiple plans



Payments start after project completion



Bayside Pavers



Bayside Pavers did an amazing job on my property. Their crew was punctual and worked

- Chris Lee,



I was impressed by the professionalism of the Bayside Pavers team. They were

- Emily Davis,



From start to finish, my experience with Bayside Pavers was excellent. They provided a

- Michael Johnson,

