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Recommended aggregate base required for paver installations

It all depends on what the pavers are going to be used for; is it a sidewalk, patio or driveway?

The ICPI (Interlocking Concrete Paver Institute) recommends a well compacted aggregate base of 4-6" for pedestrian applications and 10-12" for vehicular applications in our region. I would recommend 6" for sidewalks and patios and 12" for driveways.

The reason for this is that Michigan has a dramatic freeze-thaw cycle and having more base will help insure the integrity of your project - if compacted properly.

Which leads us to compaction; it is important that the aggregate base is compacted in lifts. Most contractors have plate compacters that will only adequately compact 2-3" at a time. Therefore this means that a pedestrian installation will require 3 compactions.



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