The planning regulations and your drive

The ACO SoakAway™ is the ideal solution to meet the regulations for paved driveways and gardens introduced in October 2008.

The government introduced planning regulations for paved driveways in October 2008 which mean that homeowners in England no longer have an automatic permitted development right to do whatever they want with their front drive.

In the past, paving front gardens was a permitted development right that did not require planning permission. This has now changed and permission is required for any new or refurbished area over 5m² unless a sustainable drainage system is installed, such as the ACO SoakAway™.

The new regulations have been introduced to reduce the risk of flooding by lowering the volume of surface water runoff from areas of impermeable hardstanding entering, and potentially overloading, the main sewer system.

Why choose ACO SoakAway™?

✔ Allows you to install a traditional driveway
✔ No need for expensive permeable paving
✔ Does not require complicated soil percolation tests (unlike permeable paving)
✔ Enables compliance with current building regulations concerning rainwater runoff from drives
✔ Fit-and-forget design
✔ Product can be installed by a competent builder or expert DIY-er
✔ Full installation instructions included in pack
✔ Packaged for straightforward assembly and installation

ACO SoakAway™ kits

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ACO SoakAway™ system overview

ACO SoakAway™ is the first domestic soakaway system designed to help homeowners overcome planning permission which is now required on new or refurbishment projects for front drives.

Areas over 5m² are now subject to UK legislation which prevents the use of non-permeable surfaces (most block paving) unless the water runoff is controlled.

ACO SoakAway™ enables driveway installations with no need for expensive permeable paving or complicated percolation tests. When used with the ACO SoakAway™ extension kit, the system is suitable for draining areas of up to 100m², where ground conditions permit†.

To support a variety of applications, the ACO SoakAway™ system is made up of two boxed kits:

- ½m³ ACO SoakAway™ kit
- ½m³ ACO SoakAway™ extension kit (optional)

Each boxed kit contains all the components for that section of the installation.

The extension kit boosts the ½m³ soakaway to a capacity of 1m³. Full assembly and installation instructions are provided.

†If you are not sure whether your ground conditions are suitable, please contact the ACO Water Management Design Service Department for guidance before installation, on 01462 816666

Features

Greater void volume than traditional rubble-filled soakaway

All you need to make ½m³ soakaway

Includes fabric to wrap the tank

Used to minimise sediment build up within ACO SoakAway™

Typical applications

- Landscaping projects
- Private parking areas
- Patios
- Residential developments

Areas where ACO SoakAway™ must not be used:

Within 5m of a building or road, 2.5m of a boundary or in an area of unstable land in ground where the water table reaches the bottom of the soakaway at any time of the year, near any drainage field, drainage mound or other soakaway so that the overall soakage capacity of the ground is exceeded and the effectiveness of any drainage field impaired, where the presence of any contamination in the runoff could result in pollution of groundwater source or resource.

Installation instructions included