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(ARA) – Stylish and versatile, landscape pavers can add tremendous utility and value to a home. But now, landscape pavers have gone green and can not only be used to beautify your home, but also help the environment.

Permeable pavers, such as Belgard's Subterra stone, are a type of green landscape paver. They are made of concrete and separated by joints filled with small stones. Water enters the joints between the pavers and is filtered through crushed stone layers. The water, with pollutants reduced by the filtering, is then absorbed back into the soil. Using permeable pavers is an important component in low-impact, environmentally-friendly development.

"Permeable pavers aren't just sustainable, they are beautiful, versatile and durable," says Ken O'Neill, vice president of Belgard. In fact, Subterra stone is stylish enough to be used in the 2007 Home and Garden Television (HGTV) Dream Home.

There are many advantages to using green pavers. The experts at Belgard offer a few of the many benefits of using permeable pavers in your next outdoor project:

Versatility

These green pavers can be used for patios, driveways, walkways, pools and more. Whether you are looking for a specific color, texture or pattern, paver options are endless in function, material and design. If you would like a traditional, rustic or modern style in your outdoor space, there are architectural masonry products and applications to make that happen.

"Permeable pavers provide years of protection and beauty in all climates, have a long history of successful residential and commercial applications and now, help the environment," says O'Neill.

Low Maintenance

Installation is simple and straightforward. Belgard pavers can be purchased and installed in as little as a weekend. Pavers are also durable and easy to maintain. An occasional sweeping and rinsing is virtually all that is needed to keep them looking as good as new.

Great for the Environment

Permeable pavers can be placed in areas where traditional pavers may create an unnatural volume of runoff from snow and rain. This can lead to flooding and standing water problems in addition to soil erosion.

Pavers such as Belgard's Subterra stone allow water to absorb back into the soil, filtering out water pollutants in the process. This can also reduce the amount of water washing into storm drains.

Beauty

Pavers allow for modular and random installation. Random patterns appear more like natural cobble stones, while

grouped patterns allow outdoor living spaces to appear to be a part of nature. In addition, Belgard products come in multiple shapes, colors and patterns that fit in naturally and harmoniously with the surrounding landscape. Unlike other materials, pavers can create raised patios and walkways, steps and rounded edges that organically blend in with the environment.

For project ideas on landscaping with permeable pavers, to receive a catalog or to locate a dealer near you, please visit www.belgard.biz.

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