



## Changing Stain Contractors Mid-stream

General Shale strongly recommends against changing brick staining contractors mid-stream in a project.

Stain contractors use a variety of different stains including Potassium Silicates, Sodium Silicate, and Acrylics. Some stain contractors even use preparatory staining materials. These different type stains are not typically compatible with each other and using different stains on the same job can lead to long term performance issues. These different stains also have different aesthetic properties such as opacity and sheen, using different stain products on the same job can result in appearance issues because of these different properties.

Stain contractors also utilize a variety of different application techniques including the use of brushes, sponges, or rollers. Using different techniques on the same job may result in aesthetic issues or a patch work appearance. Because of the above reason General Shale recommends that you pick a good staining contractor and stay with them through the completion of the job. General shale will not stand behind projects that are completed with more than one stain contractors.

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