



We all know the expression: “It’s just the same as...”, or “It’s just like the other one...”.

Rubbersidewalks, Inc., is the pioneer and inventor of 100% recycled tire rubber modular sidewalk systems. **Rubbersidewalks** are dense, durable, modular and interconnected.
No other product is ‘just like’ or ‘the same as’ **Rubbersidewalks**.

Rubbersidewalks has no equivalent.

Just because a product is made with recycled tire rubber does NOT make it the same as **Rubbersidewalks**.

(What if you ordered a nice big steak and the server brought you a hamburger? After all: They’re both made of beef.)

Playground pavers, stall mats and pour-in-place surfacing are all made of waste tire rubber. But they are as different from **Rubbersidewalks** as steak and burgers. Playground pavers and stall mats are designed to be soft and spongy, unlike **Rubbersidewalks** which are dense and firm. Pour-in-place does not qualify for urban pavement.

RUBBERSIDEWALKS	POUR-IN-PLACE
Firm, safe transition	Soft, unsafe transition
Durable, long lasting	Starts to fail after two years
Accommodates tree root growth	Destroyed by tree roots
Modular, easily maintained	Monolithic, not maintainable
Installed atop permeable base and soil	Requires deep and highly compacted base, or hardscape
100% waste rubber, minimum polyurethane	70% waste rubber, 30% virgin rubber and polyurethane
Meet specs for public sidewalks	Not urban worthy; too soft and flexible, and fragile

Since Rubbersidewalks were first introduced in 2001, other companies have hoped to capitalize on its success as an urban sidewalk solution—but with products that do not meet those standards. Please do not be misled by false claims for any other product, just because it’s ‘made of tire rubber’.

- **Specify Rubbersidewalks**
- **Get Rubbersidewalks**



Rubbersidewalks installation



Shows modular design

Rubbersidewalks are molded under high compression resulting in a dense, firm paver. Rubbersidewalks support all pedestrian traffic, wheelchairs, skateboards, walkers and canes, bicycles, and light vehicular traffic. Rubbersidewalks are designed for sidewalks & walkways.



Pour in Place, Southern California

Pour-in-place 'air dries' and has zero compression. After the sponge-like base cures for 24 hours, a top layer of non-recycled rubber and polyurethane is applied. This dries to a crust which is hard while the layer beneath it is soft and flexible. The top layer is actually brittle.

Pour-in-place material is designed for playground or recreational and sports use.

Transition on and off adjacent concrete is unsafe. Pour-in-place is designed for children's shoes or athletic shoes. Pour-in-place presents a hazard for high heeled shoes. Pour in place grows hard and brittle over time, even as it begins to fail.

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LIFE CYCLE NEAR TREES



Rubbersidewalks, New York, NY



Santa Monica, CA

Eight years of documented research shows that trees thrive near Rubbersidewalks as scout roots grow along the seams of Rubbersidewalks--getting water, air and sun. They do this without disrupting the Rubbersidewalks installation



Pour in Place next to tree

The softness and permeability of pour-in-place stands no chance against tree roots. Roots will disrupt and erupt the surface wherever they feel like it—like in this photo of a two year old pour-in-place installation. Roots will never grow 'downward' or 'disappear' just because 'they are getting water'. (That is false and misleading information.)



RUBBERSIDEWALKS, INC.

LONG LASTING & DURABLE



Rubbersidewalks, Long Beach, CA 6 years



Rubbersidewalks, New Rochelle, NY 4 years

Rubbersidewalks are long lasting. They can be 'maintained' in the event of significant new root growth (roots grow along the seams) at less than \$3.00/sq ft. Damaged pour-in-place must be removed and replaced with new material. This results in high costs and a patchwork sidewalk.



Pour in Place, after 2 years

Above the surface of a two year old pour-in-place installation in Southern California—a temperate climate. Most climates cause even more damage.

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BENEFITS	RUBBERSIDEWALKS	POUR IN PLACE, PLAYGROUND PAVERS
Life Cycle Near Tree Roots	15+ years	2-3 years; roots will disrupt
Life Cycle in Freeze-thaw	15+ years	2-3 years
Safe Transition off and onto Adjacent Hardscape	Yes (for all pedestrian or wheeled traffic)	Not safe
Subbase compaction	95% with permeable aggregate; promotes drainage and health of trees	Recommends 100% hardscape (concrete, polymerize soil, etc.); aggregate provides unstable base for the soft material
History of Use, Manufacturer's Recommended Use	Urban sidewalks and walkways in 130 cities in 30 states, public, private and commercial	Nationwide playgrounds, recreational pathways
LEED Qualified	5-6 Credits	1
Recycled Content	100%	60-70%
Clean Up Needs	None	High (polyurethane contaminated run off)
Modular/Maintainable	100 percent	0 Percent
Walking Comfort	Highest, all shoe types	Safe only in flat shoes

Unfortunately, some contractors have attempted to substitute Rubbersidewalks with pour-in-place because they are unfamiliar with Rubbersidewalks and want 'someone else to do the job' as turn-key.

RSI offers full installation support to contractors via the Internet and even in-person training to make them completely qualified and proficient at installing Rubbersidewalks.

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 - **Insist on Rubbersidewalks.**



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