

# CARING FOR YOUR NEW EDGING



It will take between 28 – 30 days for your new edging to achieve maximum strength.

The following information will help you care for your edging while it is gaining its full strength. If you need any additional advice or information, please feel free to contact us.

## Weather

Weather can impact on your new concrete – especially in Queensland.

After your edging has been laid, it will be able to withstand light rain after 12 hours. If it looks like it may rain within a few hours after your edging has been laid, we will generally lay a plastic cover over the concrete to protect it.

If however there is heavy or constant rain within the first 48 hours then it may pay for you to invest in some plastic film to cover the edging and reduce pitting and washout.

Rain will impact on the time it will take for the concrete to fully cure. If there is lots of rain over the 30 day period then it will take longer for the concrete to achieve maximum strength.

## The First 7 Days

- Do not let anything fall or bump into the edging – it may be best to keep an eye on children and pets in these areas. Although you may find the edging feels hard to touch, it will easily get damaged during this period.
- Do not apply additional moisture to the edging – ensure sprinklers, hoses and any other watering devices do not make contact with the edging.
- If your edging has been laid on a driveway, please be extra careful with your vehicles and make sure the tyres do not touch the edging.

## The First 4 Weeks

- Avoid touching the edging with heavy objects e.g. Lawnmower, garden equipment, bikes, cars etc
- Avoid standing on the edging or jumping on and off the edging
- Do not use lawnmowers, edge trimmers or other cutting devices close to or on the edging.

Please note that at no time should you drive on or over the edging or kerbing.

## Minimising and Preventing Cracks

All concrete will crack. It is natural for this to occur and is something that happens as the concrete naturally expands and contracts with the outside temperature.

There are two key things that we do to help minimise the amount of cracks in your edging.

1. We are able to use a blended mix of stone and sand in our edging or kerbing. This blends helps to reduce the amount of cracks you will get. It also provides maximum strength for your edging and makes this more durable.
2. When we lay the edging we put control joints into the edging to help guide the cracks to specific locations along the edging.

We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that your edging or kerbing is of the highest quality. The information contained in the following leaflets is to help you ensure that the site is suitable for edging and that you are well informed of how to care for your edging once it has been laid.

- Considering concrete edging
- Preparing for your new edging
- Caring for your new edging

Please note that cracks will appear in your edging. The steps you can take to minimise cracks in your edging are:

- Ensure the substrate that the edging is to be laid on is solid under foot. If the base is soft then the edging will sink as the ground settles and result in wobbly and cracked edging.
- Remove tree roots and vegetation to ensure growth of these will not impact on the structure of the edging now or in the future
- Ensure you know where your plumbing or pipes are and consider how you will handle plumbing or pipe work issue which could fall under the edging
- Be careful with vehicles and ensure that vehicles do not touch the edging
- Make sure that heavy items do not come in contact with the edging
- Follow the care and maintenance instructions
- Consider any flooding or washout risks you may have

Naturally we can not be responsible for edging damage which is outside our control associated with the owner preparation, environment or owner care.