

# THINGS TO CONSIDER

There are a number of things to consider before getting your edging laid. The following are some questions and tips to help you think about what will best meet your needs.

We are happy to talk you through these areas and help you with planning.

1. Is the edging decorative or is it for a high traffic area?

This may impact on what style best suits and what concrete mix is used in the edging. Consider if you want additional reinforcing rods to support the edging.

High traffic areas will have a stronger concrete blend so they are more durable and able to withstand stronger knocks.

Decorative edging can be laid with a softer concrete mix – while still being strong and durable, it does not need to cope with car tyres, bicycles and high foot traffic.

2. Do you need to get a ride-on mower, trailer in the area? Or are you planning to put a gate in the area later?

Consider how wide your openings need to be. Think about how the area may be used in the future and whether there is a need for openings for future gates.

Many people forget about openings and then need to make changes to their concrete edging later.

3. Will it be easy to maintain?

If the edging is around lawns or gardens – will it be easy to maintain eg. Mowing. Sometimes sharp edges attract leaves, dust and garden twigs etc. This often makes these areas hard to sweep and keep tidy.

4. Is the area in a flood zone?

Consider whether the area for the edging is in a flood zone. High moisture areas should be avoided as these may result in cracking or movement as the soil expands and contracts.

If it is a flood area, then you will need to ensure suitable drainage has been put in minimise this risk of cracking, sagging and movement.

5. What do you want the layout of your edging to be like?

- Do you want straight lines or curves?
- Do you want flowing corners or sharp corners? (sharp corners attract an additional premium charge)

**TIP:**

There are a number of ways you can mark out how you want your edging to flow. It is a good idea to play around with how the layout looks.

- Run a rope around the areas you want the edging to go. See how it looks with curves and move it as desired. You can also use a hose (place the hose out in the sun first so it is more flexible and will sit where you want it to)
- Once you are happy with the layout you can either:
- Spray paint the area (make sure you use a high visibility/fluro paint)
- Stringline & pegs (if the area is using straight lines and this is convenient)

**6. Do you want coloured concrete edging?**

Coloured edges are a great way to tie together your landscape and house exterior. Many people will colour their edges to match the overall house, building colours (eg. Gutter or fascia colours) or to complement another area.

We have 27 different colours available if you do wish to colour your edging.

For a rich colour that has increased protection from the sun and wear and tear it is best to add a sealer on your edging. A sealer can be applied by us at the time of laying the edging or you may like to do this yourself at a later stage. If you are going to use a sealer it is best to re-apply this annually.

**7. What style of edging do you want?**

We have over 20 different styles for you to choose from – refer to our product range to which style will best meet your needs.

Key things to consider when choosing a style are:

- What is the edging being used for – its purpose
- Will the edging fit in with the rest of the landscape/house
- Do you like how the edging looks

**8. How wide should my driveway be?**

For driveways with a decorative edge, the clear area should be no less than 3 metres inside the kerbing. This means if the kerbing is being laid on top of the surface, the surface needs to be at least 3.3m wide to ensure you have enough space for vehicles.

The kerbing can be laid either before or after the concrete or asphalt. It is also possible to lay the kerbing on the outside of the concrete or asphalt, however this will require additional reinforcing to anchor the kerbing in place as this is a high traffic area.