

COOLMAX CURBING Landscape Borders Product Care

Your new concrete edging has just been installed today. It is an attractive, durable product that will last for years. Please follow the guidelines below for the next few days.

1. The concrete curb does not need to be sprayed; however, it can be if you choose. Wait at least four (4) hours and then spray the curb with a fine mist. Do not apply nozzle pressure to your water hose, it may damage the curb. Repeat the misting 2 or 3 times for the next 24 hours.
2. Keep pets, children and objects away from the curb for at least 24 hours. It will be "hard" to the touch at this point, but still needs several days (28) for a full cure.
3. Sod laying, sprinkler work and landscape work can be started 48 hours after installation; however, caution must be taken as shovels, picks and wheelbarrows can damage the curb for several days while it is fully curing. Although the curb is a durable product, care should be taken when using a lawn tractor (riding lawn mower). It is advisable to avoid contact with the curb surface. Excessive driving on or over curbing can cause product failure.
4. If you have a landscape contractor working for you, cause him about protecting the curb from damage. If wheelbarrows are used for hauling rock over the curb, put a mound of dirt (6" deep) or build a ramp over the curb to keep the weight from cracking it. Never allow a tractor to run over the curb.
5. If it begins to rain within 6 hours after we leave the job, try to cover the curb with plastic. Make sure sprinkler systems do not come on for at least 24 hours. Irrigation, backwash from pools, condensation lines, or rain can damage the curb during the first 24 hours.
6. Efflorescence (white powdery substance) can appear on occasion and does not look good on curbing. It is generated from water sprinkling systems and can appear after a rainstorm. The intensity of the efflorescence varies depending on the type (hardness) of the water and volume of water that gets on the curb. Check your sprinkler heads while the system is on and try to adjust them to minimize the amount of water spraying directly on the curb. If you have just planted sod and are watering frequently, efflorescence may appear more readily. Be patient, wait for your lawn to get established and clean the curb after it dries. A solution of 50/50 vinegar and water with a light brushing will remove the efflorescence. You may have to do this a few times; eventually, the efflorescence should go away.
7. Occasionally curbing with color in it may look splotchy for a few days while it is curing. This will go away as it cures and is not to be confused with efflorescence.
8. If curbing is damaged we will come back and make necessary repairs; however, there is a \$200 minimum charge for this service.
9. Cracking - Concrete curbing, like any other type of concrete, can and will crack. We experience very little cracking in our products; however, if excessive cracking occurs, we will replace it at no charge. A warning however, it is important to note: Repairs can be difficult to make in colored concrete. It is impossible to get a perfect color match. Sometimes the "cure is worse than the ill." A hairline crack is much less noticeable than a patch or discoloration in the curbing.
10. When curbing is installed as a retrofit (grass already in place), there will be a small amount of concrete on the ground between the new curb and grass. It is very difficult to remove this concrete while it is still wet. After a 24-hour curing period it can be picked up in small pieces and thrown away. If we have not included a return trip in the price of our curbing to do this, we ask that you take a few minutes to remove the excess concrete. This will allow your grass to grow back against the curb. You may want to place sand and/or dirt in this area as well, if there are voids between the curb and the grass.

Thank you for choosing our product. We know you will enjoy it for years to come. If you have any questions regarding our curbing, please call us at (780)-235-5699.

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