

TYPES OF GARDEN EDGES USED IN LANDSCAPING

A garden edge

A garden edge is generally a distinct line which can be constructed of many different products which separates garden beds from other landscape features such as lawns, buildings, pathways, retaining walls and water features.

Types of garden edges

- 1 Cut edge
- 2 Planted or hedged
- 3 Concrete edging
- 4 Paver and brick edge
- 5 Rock edge
- 6 Timber edge
- 7 Pipes and tiles
- 8 Mixed edges
- 9 Gravel edges
- 10 Plastic edges

1 Cut edge

High maintenance

Looks neat if well maintained

Hard to keep garden weed free

2 Planted or hedged

Neat edge when well maintained

High maintenance for hedge

Hard to keep garden weed free

3 Concrete edging

Continuous edging

Easy to maintain

Neat appearance

Solid long lasting

Can be coloured

Can be textured and exposed

Can be stamped or patterned

Portable concrete edges

Same purpose as continuous

Can be moved or changed

Many shapes and sizes

Approximately 1m long each

Flat concrete edge

Can be poured in situ or laid in slabs

Not as noticeable

Imitation timber sleepers

concrete sleepers are precast to look like timber

laid horizontally or vertically in smaller lengths

laid in palisade

laid as small wall with posts and horizontals

4 Paver and brick edge

Laid in stretcher course

Looks more effective than concrete

Can be laid in concrete or mortar

Butt jointed or grouted

Laid in header course

More expensive, double amount of pavers

Looks more effective

Stronger

Can be laid on an angle

Pavers or Bricks in small wall

Laid either dry stacked or mortared

Small retaining wall

For deeper garden beds

More expensive

Can be laid on ends and butted up

5 Rock edge

TYPES of Rock edge

Sandstone

Granite

Bush rock

Blue metal

Quarry stone

Shale

Slate

Porphyry

Laid with no mower strip

Either concreted or sat in ground

Rocks butted up or mortared together

No strip/high maintenance

Looks pleasing

Blends in with garden

Laid with mower strip

Easier to maintain

Looks neat and formal

Solid structure

6 Timber edges

Sleepers

Either laid horizontally or in palisade form

Solid edge

Concreted in

Spiked in

Bolted to uprights

Can be raised or lowered

Placed straight in soil

Can't produce curves

CCA Pine Edging

Thick edge

Blends in, out of sight

Curves can be produced

CCA Pine Logs

Circular appearance

Good strength

Long lasting

Laid in palisade

concreted or spiked

Old Railway Sleepers

All sizes of hardwood

Laid vertically or horizontally

Set in concrete or laid dry in ground

Old logs

Natural effect

Plants creep over edge

7 Pipes and tiles

Tiles

Set in concrete standing up

With or without mower strip

Pipes

Terracotta pipes used as edge

Either cemented or laid flat on ground

8 Mixed edges

Mixed edges can be laid with either mower strip or without

Pleasing to eye

Natural effect can be created

Long lasting

Effective

9 Gravel edges

laid dry or concreted in

aesthetically pleasing

slow down erosion and run-off

compatible with garden design

can have weed problems

many available materials

10 Plastic/aluminium edges

Pegged to ground

pre-cast - easy to lay

long lasting

many colours and textures