

What Kind of Concrete Is Used for Landscape Curbing? (And Why It Matters More Than You Think)

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Tired of garden borders cracking, fading, or looking like an afterthought?

You're not alone. Many homeowners pour time and money into landscaping only to find the edges fail them. But there's a secret weapon to boosting your curb appeal – one that lasts for years and elevates everything around it.

If you're in Plymouth, Minneapolis, or the Twin Cities area and want your yard to *look like a magazine cover*—without the maintenance—you're in the right place.

In this guide, we'll explain exactly what kind of concrete is used for landscape curbing, why the right mix matters, and what to ask for before hiring a pro.

What We'll Cover



Not all concrete is created equal—especially when it comes to decorative landscape borders.

The wrong mix can crack in winter, fade under UV rays, or crumble at the edges. On the flip side, the *right* concrete formula resists weather, holds color beautifully, and lasts for decades.

Homeowners choose concrete curbing to:

1. Increase property value
2. Define garden beds and walkways
3. Reduce landscape maintenance
4. Add custom design features

But none of that matters if the curbing fails in 2 years. That's why the mix is everything.

When it comes to landscape curbing, we use a custom blend of high-strength concrete, often mixed on-site. This isn't your average sidewalk pour.

Here's what goes into a professional-grade mix:

1. **Portland Cement (Type I/II):** The core binder for strength
2. **Fine Aggregate (Sand):** Clean, well-graded, and ideal for tight molds
3. **Low Water-Cement Ratio:** Prevents shrinkage and cracking
4. **Air Entraining Agents:** Essential for freeze-thaw resistance in Minnesota

At *Showcase Services*, we also tailor each mix based on:

1. Application style (slant vs. square)
2. Climate exposure (sun, shade, snow)
3. Desired finish (stamped, smooth, or colored)

Learn more about [hiring contractors for concrete curbing in Minnesota](#).



Additives That Strengthen and Beautify Curbing

To make your borders not just last but *look stunning*, we enhance the mix with special additives:



1. **Color Oxides** – Fade-resistant tones like slate gray, brick red, or sandstone
2. **Fibermesh Reinforcement** – Prevents hairline cracks and boosts durability
3. **Plasticizers** – Improve workability and smooth flow in custom molds
4. **Integral Sealers** – Protect from moisture, salts, and UV exposure

These additions create curbing that's:

- ✓ Beautifully uniform
- ✓ Low maintenance
- ✓ Resistant to chips and cracks

DIY vs. Pro-Installed Curbing: What's the Difference?

While big-box kits may seem tempting, DIY curbing often lacks the durability, consistency, and polish of a professional job.

See more examples of our work in [our gallery](#).

Maintaining Concrete Curbing in Minnesota's Climate

Minnesota winters are no joke, and your curbing has to survive them.

Maintenance tips to maximize curb life:

1. Avoid using sharp metal tools near curbs in winter
2. Reseal curbing every 3–4 years
3. Clean gently with a garden hose or low-pressure washer
4. Avoid salt-heavy snow melt near decorative borders

At *Showcase Services*, we install curbing built for freeze-thaw cycles, so it won't buckle under pressure.

Explore our [decorative curbing](#) process to see what makes it long-lasting.

Want to See What a Real Curb Upgrade Looks Like?

Your yard could be the best-looking one on the block—and we can help make that happen.

Explore our [robotic mowing](#) or [holiday lighting](#) services to enhance your outdoor upgrade.

We've helped hundreds of homeowners in Plymouth, Maple Grove, and the greater Twin Cities transform their outdoor spaces. You could be next.

A custom mix with Portland cement, fine sand, fiber reinforcement, and air entrainment is best—especially in cold climates like Minnesota.

Final Thoughts on Choosing the Right Concrete for Curbing

Landscape curbing may seem like a small detail—but the right concrete mix can transform the look and feel of your entire yard.

By choosing a professional installer who understands Minnesota's climate, design trends, and structural demands, you're making a smart investment that adds beauty, structure, and value to your home.

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