



# CURB CARE

TIPS FOR YOUR NEW CONCRETE CURBING

## Curing and Care:

- During this period, which can last a few weeks depending on the weather, your curb may appear darker. Don't worry, it will lighten up after it's completely cured, which takes about 4-5 weeks.
- For the first 24 hours after installation, keep pets, children, and objects away from the curb. Although it will be "hard" to the touch at this point, it still needs to cure completely. After the first day, you can start laying sod, doing sprinkler work, and landscaping, but be careful not to damage the curb with shovels, picks, wheelbarrows, mowers, or other equipment. It's best to exercise caution for several days while the curb is fully curing.
- Sometimes you may notice a white powdery substance (*efflorescence*) on your curb. It's generated from snow, rain, and sprinkler systems and can be removed with a 50/50 vinegar and water solution. However, to prevent efflorescence, it's best to check your sprinkler heads while the system is on and adjust them to minimize the amount of water spraying directly on the curb. If you've just planted sod and are watering frequently, efflorescence may appear more readily. Be patient, wait for the lawn to get established, turn off the water for a few days, and then clean your curb after it dries.
- Concrete curbing is like any other type of concrete. It can and will crack. If it cracks in an area other than the expansion joints, we'll replace it at no charge during the warranty period. However, it's important to note that repairs can be difficult to make in colored concrete.

## Sealing:

- We'll seal your curb after it's installed to keep it looking its best. We recommend resealing it every 18-24 months, especially if you have colored curb. You can purchase sealant yourself or we can come back and reseal it for a small upkeep charge.

## Installation:

- When we install curbing in a yard where grass is already in place (a retrofit), there will be a small amount of concrete on the ground between the new curb and grass. To protect the newly installed curbing from any damage, we don't remove the concrete pieces while it's still wet. When our crew comes back to seal, we'll remove the pieces of concrete, but not always the smaller ones. Your grass will grow back against the curb, but you may want to place sand and/or dirt in this area if there are voids between the grass and curb.

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