

HOW-TO USE THE KUSHLAN KURB KIT

Thank you for purchasing the Kushlan Kurb® by Kushlan Products LLC.

If you have ever used plastic push in edging, railroad ties or paver stones, then you know what it's like to fight the endless amount of grass and weeds that continually find their way out of your lawn and in your garden, your walkway and your grass.

With the Kushlan Kurb®, you can now eliminate that forever.

To begin, decide where you would like the Kushlan Kurb® to be installed. It works great to curve it around flower beds, lawns, straight down walkways and driveways.



Prepping your area:

To prep your area you will need to decide if you want your landscape border to be flush with the top of your grass or if it higher than your grass. To do either involves how you

To install your curbing level with the top of your grass, you to trench or cut out an approximately 4" wide by 3" deep path around where you your curb. Grass is fairly forgiving in that if you use a flat end shovel or an edging tool, you can easily cut down along your area.

This application allows

you to run, your lawn mower tires on top of the curb when mowing and eliminates edging.

When finished "outlining" your area, simply go back to where you started and cut under the grass and roll up the Sod as you go.

Once you have "prepped" your area, look at it again for high or low spots.

Cut down more high spots and you might fill in the low spots with the dirt that you have removed.



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Note: If you want the curb higher, don't cut down as much, but use the same prepping directions after you decide how high or low you would like it.

Now you are ready to lay out your Kushlan Kurb®!

Tools needed include:

- A. Shovel or Edger
- B. Finishing Trowel (oblong flat trowel for finishing the top of the curb and ends)

1. Set up the curb beginning where you want to start. Secure the ends with removable rivets that are included in your pack. This will keep the entire length stable running out 12' lineal feet at a time. You will want to evenly space out the center dividers starting with the first one approximately 1" in from the start of the curb.

2. Mixing the concrete.

You will need approximately 1-60lb bag of ready mix for every 12' of curb. Measure your area to calculate how many bags you will need.

The amount of "slump" or how wet or dry you will want to mix the concrete is very important. In this application, dryer is better. You want to mix the concrete to a consistency of being able to take a handful and squeeze it in your hand to where it holds the shape of the ball but not too wet. This will ensure ease of installing and quicker drying.

*Hint-You may want to use "barn nails" inserted on the outside of the forms every 3-5 feet or so to help ensure the sides not bowing out.

3. When finished mixing your batch, take small shovels or handfuls and put into the curb form. Fill to the top and up against the sides of the center dividers. Use your trowel to "flatten or finish" the top of the curb to your desired finish. NOTE: If you are terminating the curb at a sidewalk or end of walkway or driveway, you can "cut" the end at an angle and smooth it down to where you want it to end for a nicer look.
4. Moving the curb forward: Once you have completed a 12' section and have "finished the top of your desired look, go to the front where you started and carefully pull out each center divider, remove the barn nails and sides and move forward to where you left off. The curb should look "set-up" before moving forward. Test the front by taking one divider out first to see if the curb "slumps" over. A good mix won't allow it to do that. The center dividers will leave a "cut" or a "control joint" to aid in the curb not cracking.



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5. Complete the first step of installing your kit and continue to move forward until your desired amount of curb is installed.
6. Ringing Trees: Install the curb the same way as your lawn when ringing trees. You will be able to tell how small a circumference you can lay by the tension on the curb sides. Use the barn nails to keep the ring in place. Use the same mixing and finishing instructions as above.
7. You have now completed your curb. You need to wait up to 24 hours before walking on. A hint to a stronger curb would be to "mist" it with water every 8 hours or so after installation to allow a slower "curing" time and a stronger curb.

Hints for a nicer look.

Have you got an "exposed aggregate" patio, walkway or driveway? You can match that finish to a certain extent by using this "hidden secret" of the trade.

1. You must use a ready-mix with rock.
2. After installation of your curb, take a spray bottle that has been filled with "GRAPE SODA", YES, I SAID GRAPE SODA!
3. Start at the beginning of the curb and spray a good amount of soda on the top and sides that you want to expose. This will stop the chemical reaction of the drying process only where you sprayed it.
4. Wait approximately 4 hours.
5. Take your hose or pressure washer and go back and spray the top until you see rock exposed and a "cream" runs off the top and sides. Be careful not to spray too close to make "holes" or "chip away" the curb. You just want to give it a good enough spray to remove the top layer of cream, exposing your rock or aggregate.

Coloring your curb:

Coloring concrete has become very popular among the "professionals" of the trade, and quite expensive. You too can have this "custom" look in your own landscape curbing.

1. Go to your local home center store and buy either 1 lb boxes of color or liquid bottles of color. The most popular colors are red brick and tan. They both go very well with most landscapes.
2. When mixing your concrete, mix the color right into the mix. This will ensure even coloring throughout your curb and look Fantastic!
3. The recipe for coloring: 1 box or bottle per 1 60lb bag of ready-mix

One more thing... Sealing your curb for that "WET" look.

Go to your local home center store and ask for "concrete sealer". They will be able to direct you and show you the sealer that will leave not only a nice "sheen" but also protect your curb for years to come!

Thank you again for purchasing the Kushlan Kurb® and remember,

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