

# Installation Guidelines

## Edging

### MORTARED APPLICATIONS

- » Determine if the stone edging will finish out level with or above the adjoining surfaces. Dig a trench deep enough to accommodate desired placement if necessary.
- » Install a concrete footer below the frost line, which will vary by region.
- » Allow the footer to cure before installing any edging.
- » Set up string lines for corners and finished height as necessary.
- » Prepare a mix of 1 part Type M Cement and 3 parts clean sand.
- » Mix this dry and add potable water until a stiff mortar is achieved. This mix should be capable of being compressed by hand and should hold its shape, allowing no water to emit from the mix. Always measure quantities to assure a consistent mix for each batch of mortar.
- » Clean all loose dirt from the stone before it is set in place.
- » Spread mortar mixture on footer or placement area, as well as on the end of the most recently set piece of edging. Set the stones in place in the desired pattern. Tamp into place if necessary. Repeat for all edging material.
- » Fill in the joints between the stones by using the same mortar mix. Keep as much mortar off of the faces of the stone as possible. Allow the mortar to cure before allowing any traffic on the edging.

### DRY-LAID APPLICATIONS

- » Determine if the stone edging will finish out level with or above the adjoining surfaces.
- » Dig a trench the width of the widest stone to be installed and deep enough to accommodate stone and fill layers.
- » Fill the trench with 2-4" compactable crushed stone (depth will vary by region) and compact it to the level that allows the stone to finish out at the desired elevation.
- » Place a ½ - 1" layer of stone dust over the crushed stone before installation. This will make leveling the stones much easier.
- » Install the stones in the desired pattern. Keep in mind that they should be placed closely together to keep the outer two surfaces separated.
- » Tamp the stones in place using a rubber mallet until they are firmly installed.
- » Fill in spaces between stones with stone dust, sand, dirt, or plantings.

