

Types of Edging for Garden Mounds

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Edging creates a neat, finished appearance.

There are many types of edging for garden mounds, from plants to man-made materials. Decide on a garden style and consider the amount of time you are willing to devote to [caring](#) for the edging before deciding which type to use. Formal or contemporary garden styles call for a more defined look; a natural-looking border, such as one made of flowing plants, fits better with a cottage or informal garden.

Hardscape Materials



Rocks are great natural edging material.

There are a variety of hardscape materials that work well as edging for garden mounds. Bricks, stone, rubber, cement, plastic and stepping [stone pavers](#) will do the [job](#), but they can be costly, according to the Utah State University Cooperative Extension website. Hardscape materials help prevent grass from creeping into the [garden](#) mound eliminating some of the work of weeding. All of these materials require maintenance and have drawbacks as well as advantages. Consider what you want out of an

edging before making a decision. Bricks and stepping stone pavers are moveable, but they will shift their position in the landscape requiring you to reposition them. Cement is not moveable, but over time will crack and require repair. Plastic breaks down and stone works its way into the ground.

Low-Growing Shrubs



Shrubs create formal borders around garden mounds.

Boxwood is a popular shrub for edging [gardens](#) and has been since colonial times, according to the Virginia Cooperative Extension website. It is not the only low-growing shrub that works for edging garden mounds, however. Barberry, lavender, rosemary, spirea, privet and a variety of evergreens work just as well. When deciding on shrubs as edging plants, consider the amount of moisture they will receive.

Water will run down the mound and the plants at the bottom could become waterlogged, so it is imperative that the bottom of the mound has excellent drainage unless you choose a shrub that requires moist soil. Consider the amount pruning, or trimming, that the shrubs you choose will require to stay neat.

Ground Cover Plants



For a mass of color, the wave petunia is an effective edging plant.

Use ground cover plants for edging garden mounds to add a finishing touch to the layout, according to the Purdue University Cooperative Extension website. Edge with wave petunias, which are annual plants that flower all season long. An annual plant is one that grows from seed, flowers, sets seed and dies in one growing season. Perennial plants, which come back every year, to consider include ajuga, lily-of-the-valley, lamium, liriopie and vinca also called periwinkle.