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EcoBorder Garden Edging

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My gardening friends are always looking for ways to be greener. After all, being green is what a garden is all about, right? But of course, there are challenges. Pesticides and fertilizers aside, keeping grass from encroaching on the garden plots can be a problem. That's where edging comes in. The EcoBorder edging system manages to achieve this, and its made out of recycled tires.



A look at EcoBorder's brown edging option, made from recycled tires. Photo: EcoBorder

Current estimates say it'll take about 1,000 years for a car tire to decompose. The EcoBorder is particularly innovative, as it solves several problems in one fell swoop. The company has only been around since 2009, and already they've turned over 200,000 tires into garden edging.

It also makes things easier in the garden with a unique L-shape. The bottom part of the "L" sits on the ground, while the tall part stands up in the air, preventing grass from getting into the garden, and stopping mulch or gravel from migrating away too easily. It's easier to install than block garden edging, less expensive and complicated compared to concrete edging.

Each EcoBorder piece fits together with the two flanking it, and is then secured to the ground with a long stake driven through the bottom of the "L." No digging required. And no matter how much rain you get, the garden edging isn't going anywhere. However, yanking up the stake doesn't present much of a problem, leaving you free to rearrange your garden over the years.

Just because it's made of recycled tires doesn't mean it makes your garden look like a spare. It actually comes in four different colors—black, red, green and brown. And remember that tire's lifespan? The crumb rubber in the EcoBorder is pretty long-lived, too. All things considered, the EcoBorder could take you one step closer to having the "greenest" garden in the neighborhood.