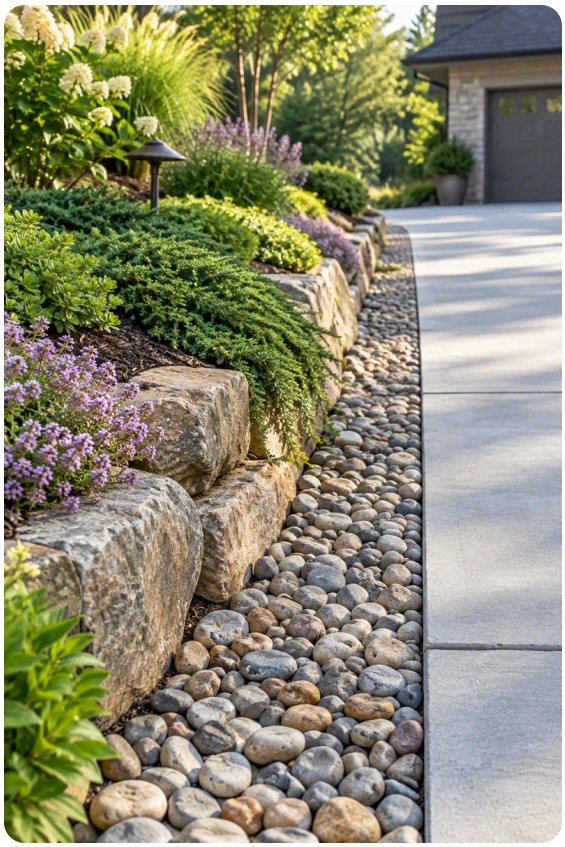
Driveway Border Plant Guide

Map out and plant a durable, low-growing driveway entry.

Build a beautiful, safe border moving outside-in from the street-side margin to the evergreen backdrop. Use this guide to space your plants perfectly without overcrowding.



Key Border Measurements

18in
18in drive-over margin from concrete

6-8 in
6-8 in raised drainage berm

Under 24 in
Under 24 in max plant height

Min 8 in
Min 8 in border stone thickness

12 in
12 in thyme spacing (12-18in wide)

15 in
15 in sedum spacing (15-20in wide)

36 in
36 in juniper spacing (3-4ft wide)

Prune For Maximum Density

Trim your creeping thyme back by one-third immediately after it finishes blooming to keep the foliage thick and prevent woody centers from forming.

Plant List By Zone

Find your row: **Your Planting Zone**

Your Planting Zone	Your pick	Why
Behind retaining stones	Creeping thyme edge	Cascades; max 3-4 inches tall
Hot mid-ground	Heat-resilient sedum	Tolerates intense reflected summer heat
Back of bed	Dwarf creeping juniper	Permanent evergreen winter structure

Building Your Driveway Border

1. **Create the buffer** Install edging and weed fabric, then fill with heavy river rock or crushed limestone.
2. **Set border stones** Bury the first row slightly below gravel level and angle backward into the soil.
3. **Mound the topsoil** Build your elevated berm above street level to ensure excellent root drainage.
4. **Lay out pots** Position nursery pots on topsoil to verify spacing before digging any holes.
5. **Water deeply** Soak twice a week during the first summer, letting top two inches dry out.

Pre-Planting Site Checks

- [ ] Measure 10 feet from the street to mark your strict visibility zone.
- [ ] Dig a 6-inch center test hole to verify adequate water drainage.
- [ ] Check mature plant width estimates so trailing plants won't overcrowd edges.
- [ ] Confirm your chosen dwarf evergreens are bred for urban tolerance.

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautiful, low-maintenance driveway entry all year long!