

Project Landscaping

Is there a specific area of your landscape that needs sprucing up?
Do you want to add 'pizzazz' to your entry or give your home more curb appeal?
Is there a shady corner of your backyard just waiting to come to life?
Is it time to rejuvenate a tired landscape?

After you have considered these questions, taken your photos, and completed the site drawing, you will be well-prepared to shop for plants and help us help you to have a successful project!

Questions To Consider:

1. Think about your project. What would you like to accomplish?
2. Is there a garden from your past, or that you have visited, that you would like to remember or recreate?
3. How will the space be used: just viewed from the street, or inside? High-traffic? Entertaining? A private, quiet space?
4. Is privacy an issue, or are you looking to block or screen a view? Is there a view you want to preserve?
5. What are your maintenance expectations? Absolute minimum? Enjoy working in the yard? Or somewhere in between.....
6. What direction does your area face? North South East or West? Is it sunny, or shady? How many hours of full sunlight does the area receive on a daily basis?
7. Is the area a windy spot, or is it protected?
8. Does the area have good drainage? Is it usually wet or dry? Is it easily watered?
9. What is the soil like in this area?
10. Is deer browsing a problem in your yard?
11. List any plant favorites, dislikes, and existing plants. Trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials, etc. (A walk through our nursery or your neighborhood will give you an opportunity to note which plants appeal to you.) Check our website for some of our favorite selections.
12. What is the color of your home? Are there any specific colors that you would like included in your design?
13. Do you want to add a fountain, pond, walkway, or firepit now, or in the future?
14. Do you have a budget in mind? If so, what is the range?

Take Pictures

Include as much of the area as possible in one shot and as close as possible to clearly understand the site. To see the different views of the area, take a few shots from different angles. Include a few pictures of the surrounding area to get a feel for the yard. Two dimensional photos will really help when you begin drawing.

Drawing the area

On graph paper, draw the area to be designed. 1 square typically equals 1 foot. Draw the area as if you were looking down at it from a helicopter. You need as much information as possible to help you design a plan that will work without surprises. Be sure to add anything that may be important to the design such as: doors, downspouts, windows, large trees (with canopy diameter), steps, irrigation system or water spigots, sidewalks, air conditioner, walls, gas meter, vents, utility poles, house overhangs, existing plants, old stumps, existing beds, well head



