



Selecting a Professional Landscape Contractor!

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Hello! Hope this summer went well for all and that it continues until school starts. Here are some tips about selecting and researching for a landscaper that's right for you.



When you're considering using professionals to landscape your property many question will arise.

Here are some of the basic steps you should follow in the process:

1. Decide what you wish to accomplish in general terms such as: Create a design, lighting, irrigation, improve particular areas, or do hardscape (patio or decks) and or just maintenance.
2. Determine your approximate timetable and budget
3. Finding a landscape contractor: You can find contractors through a variety of good sources, telephone directories, print advertising, website searches, and most importantly referrals from friends, family and neighbors.
4. Selecting a Landscape Contractor: When comparing contractors, don't make the mistake of comparing "apples and oranges". The low bid on your job may not be your best choice and could even cost you more in the long run. It is important that you feel confident about your choice of the contractor that will work on your project, and that begins with the initial interview.

Ask these questions to help you gauge whether a landscape contractor is right for you:

- How long has your company been in business?
- Can you supply references for recent project like mine?
- What level of quality do you offer?
- Can you perform the work on my schedule?
- Are you licensed?
- What warranties will you provide, and will you give these to me in writing?

During and after your contacts with a landscape contractor's representative, if you can answer positively regarding the following observations, it is a good indication that they and their company are right for you.

You needn't become life long friends with your landscape contractor, but you will have to interact with them for a protracted period of time so it is important that you are comfortable with the relationship. Also, be fair, open and honest with your landscape contractor, because good communication and trust will make your project more successful and, just as important, more pleasurable.

If you have any questions concerning the watering needs of your lawn and plants be sure to contact us!



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