

Landscape Planning



Been thinking about a new landscape?

Now is the perfect time to begin planning your 2026 landscape projects. We are often surprised at the number of customers that do not know that we do more than just plants. Landsburg is also a full-service landscape installer. From irrigation systems to gardens and hardscapes we can help with all of your landscaping needs. Large projects and small, we do them all. Here are a few tips to get you started with your landscape project.

Plan ahead: If you have a graduation party or are hosting a wedding don't call a month ahead of time to have your work done. Designing and estimating take time to do right. Big events should be landscaped at least a full year ahead of time. This will give plants and turf grass time to grow, fill out and look their best prior to your planned event.

Do some research: Have an idea of what you want prior to meeting with a designer. One or two photos from Google or Pinterest can save a ton of time for your designer. It can also save any guess work on suggestions for materials and layout.

Talk to your spouse: If there are two decision makers for the property you will need to agree on a game plan for your project. This will mitigate stress for all parties, saving time and conflict later in the process.

Know your maintenance limits: All too often we are asked for "no maintenance" landscape plans. No maintenance landscapes are like Big Foot or the Loch Ness Monster; they don't exist. We can work with you to design a minimal maintenance plan but be prepared to do at least some work. Let your designer know what you have time to do and what you are physically capable of doing. Together you can design a plan right for your needs.

Start the process early: Late fall into the winter is a great time to plan. Provided your site is snow free for the first site visit, winter can be the best time to meet with a designer. This allows you to avoid the spring rush and gives your designer more time to dedicate to your project planning.

Understand how you will use your space: Which areas provide the best views, how many people do you typically entertain, do you have a lawn/maintenance service, how many hours of sunlight does your garden get? These are just a few of the questions your designer might ask when they do a site assessment. Be prepared to answer a lot of questions.

Know the rules for your property: Properties on a lake or within city limits will be subject to additional rules and regulations. These include parameters on fence height, soil movement, total hard surface and more. Before you get your heart set on that giant patio overlooking the lake check with your local municipality to see what is allowed in your area. When you meet with your designer you will have a better understanding of their recommendations.

Be patient: Rome wasn't built in a day. Neither are quality landscapes. Long lasting, beautiful landscape installation is a marathon not a sprint. Depending on the size of your project the entire process could take months, even years, to realize. Working with Mother Nature is never predictable but with good planning, patience and a little perseverance your yard can be the envy of the neighborhood.

If you are interested in improving your landscape, stop into the garden center and ask us how to get started.

