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Residential Landscape Design Services & Base Fees



A CLEAR STARTING POINT

The following fees represent typical base fee estimates for residential landscape design services.

Every project is different. Actual fees may vary depending on:

- Property size and layout
- Site conditions (grading, drainage, existing features)
- Level of design detail required
- Coordination with contractors, builders, or regulatory agencies

These base fees provide a reliable starting point for budgeting and planning, and a final proposal will be tailored to your specific project.



A THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TO LANDSCAPE DESIGN

A well-designed landscape is more than a collection of plants—it is a coordinated system of space, materials, drainage, and long-term performance.

My role as a licensed landscape architect is to guide that process from initial ideas through clear, buildable plans that contractors can price and construct with confidence.



HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

Projects typically move through a structured sequence:

Consultation → Concept Design → Construction Documentation

You can engage at any level depending on your goals.



TYPICAL PROJECT INVESTMENT

Most residential landscape design projects fall within:

\$1,000 - \$5,500+

depending on scope and level of detail. Clients may select individual services or develop a complete design package.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Direct involvement by a licensed landscape architect
- Up to two revisions per phase
- Scaled PDF deliverables
- Clear, contractor-ready documentation



WHY THIS MATTERS

- Reduces costly mistakes during construction
- Improves contractor pricing accuracy
- Enhances long-term performance
- Creates a cohesive, intentional outdoor environment

GETTING STARTED

The process begins with a consultation, where we define your goals and outline the appropriate scope of work.

CORE SERVICES & BASE FEES



1. CONSULTATION (ON SITE OR VIRTUAL)

\$195/hour
(1-hour minimum)

Includes:

- Initial meeting (on-site or virtual)
- Discussion of goals, priorities, and budget
- Preliminary ideas and professional guidance
- Review of site conditions (based on visit or provided information)



2. SITE VISITS (FIELD WORK & DOCUMENTATION)

\$195/hour
(1-hour minimum)

Includes:

- Site measurements and verification
- Photographic documentation
- Existing conditions assessment
- Follow-up visits during design development (as needed)



3. CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE DESIGN (SCHEMATIC PLAN)

\$1,170
(Typical Base Fee)

A scaled, color-rendered plan illustrating:

- Overall layout and organization
- Key features (patios, walks, planting areas)
- Design intent and spatial relationships

This is where the project takes shape.



4. CONSTRUCTION-LEVEL PLANS (OPTIONAL BUT RECOMMENDED)

These plans translate the concept into clear, buildable documents.

PLANTING PLAN

\$390

- Plant layout and spacing
- Species selection
- Details and specifications

HARDSCAPE PLAN

\$780

- Patios, walks, walls, and surfaces
- Layout, materials, and details

IRRIGATION PLAN

\$975

- System layout and zoning
- Equipment schedule
- Performance considerations

DRAINAGE PLAN

\$585

- Grading strategy
- Water movement and management

LIGHTING PLAN

\$390

- Fixture layout and intent
- Safety and visual impact



5. CONTRACTOR BIDDING SUPPORT

\$585

Includes:

- Preparation of a professional Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Supports accurate contractor pricing
- Helps ensure comparable bids

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