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CHECKLIST

Planning a Houston Landscape Project, Step by Step

Print this and bring it to the walkthrough. The five stages are how every project runs; the checklist is what makes the first conversation productive; the questions are the ones we are asked most often, answered the same way here as on the site.

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Section 01

The five stages

From the first walk of the property to support after handoff. The same sequence on every project, whatever its size.

01

Consultation

Walk the property together. Sun and shade, grade, drainage, soil, access, how the family wants to use the yard, and the budget it has to fit.

02

Design

Develop the layout — terraces, structures, lawn, planting, and water — with materials, levels, and lighting resolved together rather than one at a time.

03

Planning & Permitting

Finalize selections, drainage and irrigation design, permitting and HOA submittals, and the construction documents the crews build from.

04

Construction

Demolition, grading and drainage, base preparation, hardscape, structures, turf or sod, planting, irrigation, and lighting — sequenced and supervised.

05

Completion

Final grade and clean-up, irrigation and lighting programming, a walkthrough of how to care for it, and support after handoff.

Section 02

Before the first walkthrough

Nothing here is required — but each one answered is a question the design does not have to wait on.
These are the same details our inquiry form asks for.

- ☐ The kind of project you have in mind. What we work on: Paver Patios, Patio Cover, Pergola, Landscaping Installation, Sod Installation, Turf Installation, Pool Remodel, Concrete Work, Landscape Lighting, Fencing.
- ☐ The investment range you want the design to fit: Under $10k, $10k – $25k, $25k – $50k, $50k – $100k, $100k – $200k, $200k+, Not sure yet.
- ☐ When you would like construction to happen: As soon as possible, Next 1 – 3 months, Next 3 – 6 months, 6 – 12 months, Just exploring.
- ☐ The project address, so grade, drainage, access, and the neighborhood are known before we arrive.
- ☐ Photographs of the yard as it is now, including anything that already fails — standing water, settled paving, grass that will not grow.
- ☐ Any site plans, survey, or previous drawings you hold.
- ☐ How you want to use the space: dining, cooking, shade, play, dogs, entertaining numbers.
- ☐ Which existing trees, beds, or structures have to stay.
- ☐ Whether an HOA has to approve the work, and what it requires.
- ☐ Anything you have saved as inspiration, and what you liked about it.

Questions we are asked most

How long does a landscape project take?

It depends entirely on scope. A sod or artificial turf installation is usually measured in days, a patio or pergola in weeks, and a full outdoor living build with hardscape, structures, planting, and lighting in months. You get a schedule with the proposal, before anything starts.

What does landscaping cost in Houston?

Cost is driven by square footage, materials, how much grading and drainage the site needs, and access for equipment — so we do not quote a figure before seeing the property. The ranges published against each service are ballpark figures for a typical Houston project, useful for working out what is worth discussing and not a quote for yours. You get an investment range early in the design conversation and a detailed proposal before work begins.

Why does drainage keep coming up?

Houston sits on clay that holds water, and our rain arrives in volume. If grade and drainage are not designed first, turf stays soggy, pavers settle, and beds drown — so drainage is part of the design rather than a repair later.

Artificial turf or sod?

Sod is the right answer in real sun with irrigation in place. Artificial turf is the right answer in heavy shade, in dog runs, on slopes, and anywhere natural grass has already failed twice. We will tell you which one your yard actually supports.

Do you work with architects and home builders?

Yes. We coordinate with architects, builders, and pool contractors regularly, and starting the landscape design in parallel with construction means grade, drainage, and utilities get resolved once instead of twice.

What areas do you serve?

We primarily serve the Memorial corridor, River Oaks, Tanglewood, the Villages, Spring Branch, Spring Valley, The Heights, West University, Bellaire, Katy, and The Woodlands, along with adjacent parts of greater Houston.

Do you charge for design?

Yes. Design is real work, so it is priced as its own scope — Design-Build Package starts at $1,200 and Design-Only Package starts at $2,500. Both include the same drawings — a 3D design, 2D construction drawings with measurements, material and supply details, a detailed planting schedule, lighting and irrigation plans, additional revisions, and our installation bid. Design-Build Package is the reduced rate for homeowners who intend to build with us.

What is covered after the project is finished?

Our workmanship, plus the manufacturer warranties on turf, pavers, lighting, irrigation, and structural materials, which we register in your name and hand over at closeout. Coverage periods and what maintenance keeps them in force are written into the agreement you sign before construction starts.

WHERE THIS COMES FROM

Every figure and stage in this checklist is published on landscapedesignhouston.com — the process, the questions, and the design package pricing are the same ones you will be quoted from. This file is rebuilt each time the site is deployed, so it carries no revision date: the copy you are holding is the current one.

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