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LANDSCAPE — COMPANY —

SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

Design & Build Process



About Us

Introduction to The Landscape Company

Since 1978 our mission has been to design, construct and maintain beautiful, yet purposeful, landscapes in the Santa Cruz community. We believe becoming your trusted partner is key to ensuring landscaping excellence.

Our dedicated team of professionals offers a full range of services to keep your property at its best. These services include major installation projects for landscaping, hardscapes, outdoor lighting, irrigation systems, erosion control, and drainage systems as well as ongoing landscaping maintenance and lawn care services.





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Our Process

From Consultation to Installation



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On-site Consultation

We start with a firsthand look at your property. Our experts will assess soil quality, sunlight exposure, topography & other factors to determine the best approach for your landscape renovation.

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Discovering Your Vision

Share your dream outdoor space with us. Or, if you're unsure, you can rely on our team's extensive experience to help craft a vision. We provide suggestions tailored to your property's specific conditions.

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Planning & Approval

Based on our assessment and your desires, we will craft a comprehensive landscape plan. You'll have the opportunity to review, suggest changes & approve the final plan to ensure it aligns with your vision.

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Design Drawings

To help you visualize your future outdoor space, we're happy to provide a detailed design drawing. This will include tree and shrub placements, patios and walking paths, and other elements in detail.

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Installation

Once your plan is in place, our team will dive into action. We will begin with preparing the lot, followed by irrigation, hardscaping, planting, and additional feature installation.

Step 1

On-site Consultation



Evaluating Physical Characteristics

Examining the soil type, drainage patterns, sunlight exposure, and existing vegetation. This step also involves assessing the topography, such as slopes or flat areas, to determine the best use of the landscape.



Environmental and Local Constraints

Looking for any environmental issues, such as potential for erosion or flood risks, and understanding local regulations that might affect landscape construction.



Existing Structures and Utilities

Checking the location and condition of existing structures, like buildings or fences, as well as underground utilities (water, gas, electricity) to ensure the proposed landscaping does not interfere with these elements.



Step 2

Discovering Your Vision



Exploring Your Preferred Style

We'll need to understand your desired aesthetic and functional goals for the landscape. This includes your preferred style (e.g., modern, traditional, naturalistic) or inspirations you might have in mind.



Discussing Lifestyle and Usage

How do you intend to use the space? Is it for relaxation, entertaining, gardening, or as a play area for children? We can also tailor the design to suit practical needs, like privacy, accessibility & maintenance.



Plant and Material Preferences

We'll need to know your preferred types of vegetation (like native or low-maintenance plants), hardscaping materials (such as stone, wood, or concrete), and any specific features you want (like water features, fire pits, or outdoor kitchens).



Step 3

Planning & Approval



Conceptual Design Agreement

Next, we will present a conceptual design. This is a broad overview of the proposed landscaping project, focusing on general layout, key features, and the overall aesthetic, rather than detailed schematics.



Feedback and Modifications

You will have the opportunity to provide feedback on this conceptual design. Based on your input, we will make necessary modifications, ensuring the conceptual plan aligns with your vision and practical needs.



Permit and Regulation Compliance

Once you approve the conceptual design, we will proceed with any necessary bureaucratic steps. This includes checking for compliance with local zoning laws, building codes, and environmental regulations.



Step 4

Design Drawings



Detailed Design Drawings

Our comprehensive and precise design plans detail the exact layout of the landscape, including the placement of plants, paths, water features, and other elements. They often include specifications for materials, dimensions, and the types of plants to be used.



Incorporating Technical Aspects

The design will also address technical aspects such as irrigation systems, drainage plans, lighting layouts, and any structural elements like retaining walls or terraces. This ensures that the design is not only aesthetically pleasing but also functional and sustainable.



Review and Final Adjustments

After the detailed designs are completed, you will have the opportunity to review them. This is a crucial step where you can request any final adjustments before moving forward with the construction phase.



Step 5

Installation



Site Preparation

This step includes clearing the area, removing any unwanted vegetation, or structures & preparing the soil. It may also involve grading the land for proper drainage and laying the foundation for hardscape features (like paths, patios, or retaining walls).



Installation of Landscape Elements

Following the prepared design plan, we begin installing trees, shrubs, and flowers, constructing hardscape features (like walkways, water features, and firepits), and installing irrigation and lighting systems.



Final Review and Adjustments

Near completion, we conduct a final walkthrough with you to ensure everything is according to the plan and your satisfaction. Any necessary adjustments or minor changes are made during this phase. This step also typically includes guidance on maintenance and care for the new landscape.



The Team Behind Us

Teamwork Is The Key



Phil Dundas
Owner

As captain of The Landscape Company, Phil enjoys collaborating with homeowners to create livable outdoor sanctuaries that connect people with nature. Backed by a reliable team with decades of experience, Phil collaborates with homeowners to guide their landscape visions into reality.



Laura Keil
Horticulturalist

With 20+ years of experience, Laura infuses her love of nature, passion for plants and knowledge of the local flora and fauna into her designs. She has extensive experience with habitat restoration and comprehension of local soils and native plants. And she has a long record of working in edible gardens, including organic farms and orchards.



John O'Hara
Maintenance Manager

With over 25 years of experience in landscape maintenance, John plays a pivotal role in both commercial and residential settings, showcasing his expertise in maintaining visually stunning outdoor spaces. John has successfully managed a wide array of landscaping projects, demonstrating a deep understanding of plant care, irrigation systems & horticulture practices.

What Our Customers Say

Client Reviews



Scott Pierce

Phil, Laura, and the team at The Landscape Company are amazing! Can't thank them enough!



Andres Flores

The Landscape Company team were great partners for a new homeowner!



Suki Woodward

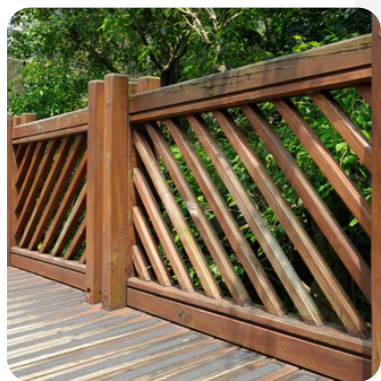
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