Equinox
LANDSCAPE

Beautiful gardens for a sustainable future.

DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES

At Equinox Landscape, we custom design and build gardens in accordance with what is right for our clients and what makes the most sense for the land. Below is our process.

1. The Initial Consultation

A designer meets with you to discuss your needs and the goals for the project. From the information gathered at this meeting our team creates a design proposal that takes into account your budget and the hours necessary to create a design that can be built accurately by the installation team.

2. Site Analysis

After the design proposal is signed, the design team visits the site and carefully observes the site noting how the water flows across the site, how the air moves (e.g. where the cool and warm currents flow) where fire corridors may exist, where there are views, and more These are the keys elements of Permaculture Principles. At least two soils samples are taken for testing to see if there are deficiencies that need correcting. Thoughtful observation initially helps save money and time later by revealing the lands inherent resources and potential problems.

3. Concept Plan/Meeting

Based on information gathered from the Initial Consultation, the Site Analysis and soil tests, the design team generates the Conceptual Plan for your garden. This includes one digital CAD drawing. At the Concept Review Meeting the client gives feedback that the design team uses to make changes to the Concept Plan. The client can request more than one Concept Plan or a full color rendering plan for an addition fee. For those who have a difficult time visualizing the garden from a two dimensional drawing, perspective drawings and illustrations are an option as well.

4. Concept Design Development

Based on the feedback from the client, the design team draws the Concept Master Plan. This includes suggesting possibilities for types of materials, finishes and plants. The Conceptual Master Plan is then presented to the client for further review.

5. Planting, Irrigation and Lighting, Etc. Plans

To accurately estimate the cost of building your landscape, details like plants, irrigation and lighting must be put into the design. The planting plan includes species, (color of flowers and leaves), size, quantities and specific locations. The irrigation plan shows “hydra-zones”, sections showing plants group together that have same water needs, location and specifications of components, etc. The lighting plan illustrates the various locations of fixtures, switching, and circuits of your low-voltage, LED lighting system. Note: occasionally a Grading/Drainage or a WELO (water efficiency) Plan is required to build the landscape properly or for permitting purposes.

6. Cost Estimate Proposal

After all the details are determined, Equinox prepares a proposal for the installation of your landscape. This is a very detailed document that spells out all the costs of the project, allowances and contingencies.Installation Contract with Schedule of Payments

Signing the Installation Contract and paying the deposit assures you a place in our schedule. The contract includes a schedule of payments that is broken down into weekly payments.

7. Your Garden is Built and the Health of the Earth Begins to Be Restored.

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