

Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind

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The Chicken or the Egg?

- ▶ Pretty plants or pruning
- ▶ Emerald green lawn or chemicals
- ▶ Free flow borders or maintenance equipment
- ▶ Design theme or irrigation patterns
- ▶ Award winning design vs. budget

The Chicken or the Egg?

- ▶ Children vs. dogs
- ▶ Playground vs. outdoor kitchen
- ▶ Views vs. privacy

Landscape Maintenance

- ▶ Who will maintain the landscape?
- ▶ Homeowner
 - ▶ How many *regular* hours per week?
 - ▶ Seasonal hours for special projects?
 - ▶ Equipment and storage space

Landscape Maintenance

- ▶ Maintenance company
 - ▶ Standard care or special care?
 - ▶ Cost (normal and add on)
 - ▶ Cost increases with maturity
 - ▶ Day of week
 - ▶ Scrupulous

Maintenance Concerns

- ▶ Turf (mowing and trimming equipment)
- ▶ Irrigation (high and low flow) patterns (automatic or hand)
- ▶ Weeding (chemical or non-chemical)

Maintenance Concerns

- ▶ Growth rate of plants
- ▶ Pruning (trees, palms, shrubs, hedges and groundcovers) schedule
- ▶ Flowerbeds (deadheading, replanting) and containers
- ▶ Mulching

Maintenance Concerns

- ▶ Fertilizers
- ▶ Pest control (insects, mites, fungi, bacteria, virus and nematodes)
- ▶ Water features
- ▶ Painting schedule (HOAs)
- ▶ Fence pressure washing/painting

Maintenance Concerns

- ▶ Pergolas
- ▶ Lattice or trellises
- ▶ Fall leaves
- ▶ Pools/hot tubs
- ▶ Play equipment
- ▶ Pets

Maintenance Concerns

- ▶ Snow removal
- ▶ Ice melting chemicals
- ▶ Fence gates/equipment size

Design for Mature Size

- ▶ Lot size and restrictions
- ▶ Tree canopy and roots
- ▶ Shrub height and windows
- ▶ Plant spacing (negative space)
- ▶ Limbs and wind

Resource-Efficient Design

- ▶ Champagne taste and a beer pocketbook
- ▶ HOA covenants
- ▶ Resale considerations
- ▶ Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ pros and cons

Public Spaces

- ▶ Know design restrictions (designer vs. landscape architect)
- ▶ Liability issues (thorns, wet surfaces, falls, seating, trash)
- ▶ Local ordinances

Form vs. Function

- ▶ Want landscape to look good
- ▶ Easily maintained
- ▶ Environmentally-friendly
- ▶ Unique
- ▶ Affordable

1. Which maintenance consideration is NOT performed on a weekly basis?

- a. Edging
- b. Mowing
- c. Pruning
- d. Weeding

2. Which one statement is true about landscape maintenance?

- a. Good design can reduce weekly maintenance
- b. Plants spaced closer together need less maintenance
- c. Shrubs must be pruned for size on a regular basis
- d. Yards must receive weekly maintenance to look good

3. Besides maintenance, which weekly cultural practice has the largest impact on overall landscape considerations?

- a. Fertilizing
- b. Fungicide drenching
- c. Herbicide applications
- d. Irrigation

4. What was the main point in designing for mature size?

- a. Abiding by HOA covenants
- b. Knowing at what age the design will look full
- c. Right plant, right place
- d. Understand how many plants to install

5. According to the presentation, which public landscape feature causes more maintenance?

- a. Seating
- b. Trash cans
- c. Groundcovers
- d. Wet sidewalks