

Landscape Design



Appointment Details



Thanks for contacting us about creating a landscape design with you!

Should you have any questions please call or text 780 236 2222 or email info@earthworm.ca

Amazing but true...

The average plan takes 2 to 3 hours.

A very small front yard or a tiny condo back yard can often be done in an hour to an hour and a half. An acreage can take 3 to 6 hours.

The rate is \$375 per hour plus GST. We accept etransfer for payment.

Mileage is charged for areas beyond an hour of Edmonton. Distance clients are also welcome to send their project to Edmonton.

As everyone's needs are unique, we cannot estimate exactly how long the design will take; so we will continue working until the plan is finished. If you want to stick to a budget for the design, be prepared to set priorities with the designer at the beginning of the appointment. For example, you may choose to focus on one specific area of the yard. Another appointment can always be booked to complete the process.

We believe that a pencil scale drawing gives you an incredibly useful document while maintaining an affordable service!



Before we meet online, the designer will prepare a scale drawing.

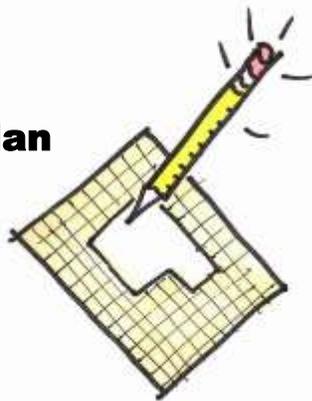
To do this, they will visit your property to get a good visual and feel for what might work best for you; taking into consideration sun exposure, approximate elevations, and existing perennials, shrubs and trees. They will then use your measurements to prepare your scale drawing by hand on grid paper.

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The Base Plan



You will be receiving a beautiful hand made landscape drawing at the end of the appointment. It will show your home and property, the doors, taps, utilities, and all the hard surfaces like decks, patios, and walkways.

It is drawn on a grid paper, with each square representing a unit of distance that will be easy to measure using a ruler. This allows us to be quite realistic about what will work in your outdoor space.

It is drawn in pencil which makes the design process rather fun as we get to try a few things on the way to finding what works the best.

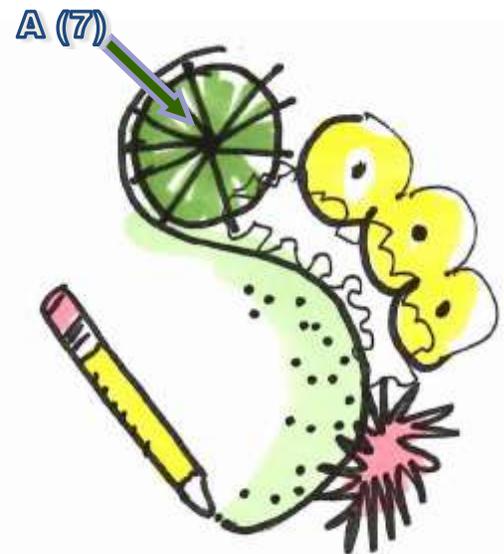
This base plan often shows existing trees (both yours and the neighboring ones), out buildings, elevation notes, etc. Then traffic flow suggestions, deck and patio shapes, and other structural items are drawn.

This is the part where a lot of discussion is needed because we will suggest things you have not considered before! While this is probably why you hired us, it can be difficult if a decision making spouse (or opinionated one!) is not immediately available in person or by phone.

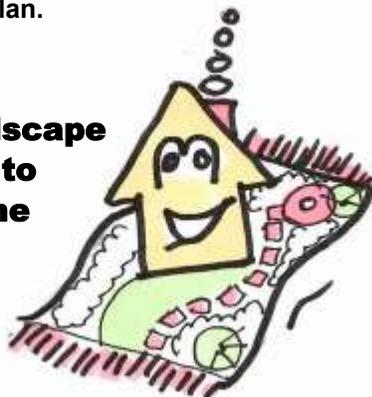
Once these elements get firmed up, the planting beds are laid out, the new trees and shrubs are drawn, and it all starts to look neater and much more hopeful and exciting.

Some colour is added as we go so that the plan is easier to read.

The last step is putting in plant labels. You will receive a detailed list of highly recommended plants containing a key that is referenced to your plan.



The new landscape plan is ready to launch into the world!



Then you can read the helpful follow up documents we provide to find out what to do next.

Thank you for choosing us to create your garden design!



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The Budget Choice

Select a 1 to 2 hour appointment

This appointment is perfect for a simple front yard and/or a tiny back yard.

Infills, townhouses, duplexes, small fairly flat square properties, not many existing trees, patios or out-buildings to measure. For example, you may have a very specific area to work on or are updating an existing plan; perhaps you are not a gardener and want us to choose the plants; or you just want it to look good and be easy care. Projects will generally not take less than 1 1/2 hours—most will be 2 hours. Please set your budget and priorities when the designer arrives. We are going to measure in 1/2 hour and spend an hour on zoom. Price range is \$375 to \$750 plus GST

The Popular Choice

Select a 2 to 3 hour appointment

This appointment range is where 90% of our clients land.

New homes, walkouts, older homes with a few existing trees, pie shape lots, decks and patios needed, simple "around the house" acreage design, etc. You may like to discuss the plant preferences you have, or family members have differing ideas; or you have tried things but it just isn't working. We will measure in about an hour and spend an hour or so on zoom.

Price range is \$750 to \$1125 plus GST

The BIG Project Choice

Select a 3 to 4 hour appointment

Acreages with an outbuilding or two to put in place, large pie shaped lots that you want to fully develop, retaining walls and different levels, grading issues, lots of things/trees to measure and difficult situations. You want a lot of plants, or you would like to know what each plant is as we go, and/or you are very excited and chatty! We will take an hour or more to measure, and the zoom call will be over an hour.

Average price range is \$1125 to \$1800 plus GST

The Far Out Choice

Select a full day appointment

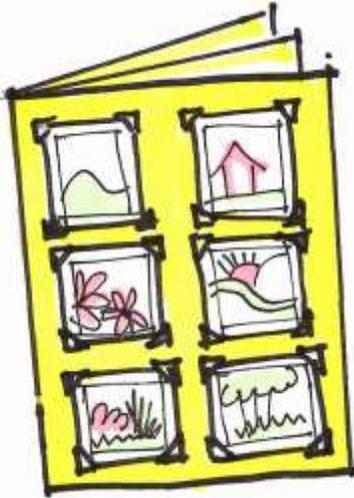
This is for clients who have really large or complicated properties, are between 1 and 2 hours drive from Edmonton, or are near an Alberta airport! This is booked at least 2 weeks out in order to make travel and schedule arrangements. Travel expenses are extra. We will spend a couple of hours on zoom in one or two sessions.

Prices at \$1800 plus GST

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Rest assured, the designer will manage just fine if your homework isn't done. This is intended to be an enjoyable process!



FOR BEST RESULTS...

1. Spend some time with our online photo album and other related online resources. It is helpful for us to have a visual sense of what you like.
2. Do your best to find your real property report. Some properties have unusual features and surprising information that is discovered on this document. The designer uses it to confirm their own data. Please have the original scanned. Do not cut off any information during copying. It is usually 2 pages—a drawing and a page of writing!
3. Get the utilities located a week in advance. Tell them it is for construction purposes (not design). If they aren't done, we can still go ahead with the plan but you will need to check before construction.
4. We will be meeting on Zoom with a live video camera over the design table. We will send you an easy to open link via email.
5. Advise the designer of any hazards and major challenges on the property—even if you think it can't be fixed.
6. You need to be fully present during the video appointment; especially at the beginning where key structural design decisions are made. It is best if all partners are at the table. A baby sitter is highly recommended!
7. Fill in the Landscape Design Worksheet as well as you can; it will make a world of difference if your thoughts are in order before we begin.
8. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can fill this spot from our waiting list. Less than 48 hours makes it really difficult for us to do this!

Earthworm Landscape Design Co

Where gardens are designed in a day

—-and treasured for life!