

Landscape Budgeting: Worksheet

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This simple process is how many designers create preliminary budgets and estimates for landscape projects. It is based on typical contractor prices, but these can vary. If number 4, the budget you need exceeds what you wish to spend, plan to implement your project in phases or delete unnecessary items. (*increase any unit costs for special or more costly items)

1. Determine your planting area and density

Multiply the width and length of every area you wish to landscape. Add those areas together and enter the area of the total you desire for each planting density. Fill in columns. Multiply rows. (do not include extra features here --- irrigation, lighting, etc...that is the next step)

Dense	>65% plant cover, turf	sq ft	\$2.00	
Moderate	40-65% plant cover	sq ft	\$1.25	
Light	<40% plant cover	sq ft	\$.75	
1. Landscape area		sq ft	1: Area Cost	\$

2. Determine extra landscape features

Add non-planting and other specialty items you would like

Irrigation, drip for plants	sq ft	\$.75	
Irrigation, pop-up for turf	sq ft	\$1.10	
Low-voltage lights	each	\$135	
Water feature	each	\$1000	
Fireplace	each	\$4000	
Mulch, such as gravel or fines	sq ft	\$.85	
Paving, colored concrete	sq ft	\$3.75	
Paving, stone or brick	sq ft	\$9.00	
Removals, edging, berms, walls, etc?	sq ft	\$.75	
2. Extra Costs			\$

3. Related design services

Add consultants necessary to create a vision for the above landscape construction

Landscape Designer (5%+ of numbers 1 and 2, above)	
Other Consultants (such as engineering, etc.)	
3. Design Costs	
	\$

4. Your budget

Add costs of 1, 2, and 3, above

4. Budget you need **\$**