



7 THINGS TO CHECK BEFORE HIRING A LANDSCAPER

Choosing a landscaping company is challenging- there are so many out there, all with varying abilities and specialties. Here are 7 critical questions to ask the company you're considering before you sign a contract:

1. How long have they been in business?

Working with a company that has many years of experience is generally a better choice than selecting a brand new company. Established companies tend to hold onto employees for longer, meaning you will be less likely to have a crew that is comprised predominantly of new hires and trainees working on your property.

2. Who are the employees that will be doing the work?

The more experience the employees that are doing the work on your landscaping, the better. Find out how large the team that will be working on your job, who will be in charge, and how much combined experience they have. Compare this between all of the contractors you are considering.

3. Is the company licensed/insured?

If the answer to this question is no, immediately eliminate the contractor from your list. It is illegal to provide landscape construction services without a license, and these companies will have no accountability if you have a complaint about the service you received. If the contractor isn't insured, that could leave you liable for any accidents or injuries that occur during your project.

4. What professional affiliations does the company maintain?

Affiliations in trade associations such as Landscape Ontario demonstrate a company's dedication to staying current and actively supporting their industry.

5. Does the company have great references?

Check online reviews, testimonials, and request at least a few references to ask about their experience with your potential contractor. Visit the location of past clients to see the quality of work firsthand.

6. What is their clean up policy & what state will your property be left in during the construction process? -----

Some contractors are less organized than others, and many rely on third parties to remove debris from your property at the end of the project. This means it will be piled up on your property until they are complete. Generally contractors who supply all of their own equipment & don't rely on third party services will provide a more thorough daily clean up.

7. How many other jobs will they be working on at the same time? -----

A contractor that works on numerous projects simultaneously is more likely to spread their experienced employees thin, and take longer to complete each project. Always ask how many projects your company will be working on, and what percentage of their workers will be dedicated to you. The ideal contractor would be working only for you during your project.

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