

The Idaho Homeowner's Guide to Hiring The Right Landscaper



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Thinking About Hiring a Landscaper? Read This First.

Landscaping is an investment—not just in your property, but in your everyday quality of life. A well-planned yard can add comfort, beauty, and long-term value to your home. But in Idaho Falls and the surrounding areas, the climate and conditions are unique—and hiring the wrong landscaper could mean poor plant survival, failing sprinkler systems, or patchy sod that never takes root.

At Rain Dog Landscaping, we've seen it all. This guide was created to help you ask the right questions, spot red flags, and move forward with confidence—whether you hire us or not. Here are 5 things to know before you start your next landscaping project.

1. Choose a Local Team That Understands Idaho's Climate

Eastern Idaho landscaping comes with some unique challenges. The conditions here require specific knowledge and experience.

Make sure the landscaper you hire knows the local soil, seasonal challenges, and how to design landscapes that perform well in Idaho's unique climate.

2. Ask Who's Actually Doing the Work

Will the person you meet with actually be onsite again? Who will be overseeing the project?

Look for a team that's licensed, insured, and personally involved. Ideally, you want to work with people who show up, know your name, and care about the final result—not just the paycheck.

3. Get a Clear, Written Plan Before You Commit

Verbal estimates aren't enough. A good landscaper will provide a clear, written plan that includes scope, timeline, pricing, and exactly what's included in the project.

Some projects, such as repairs, may need to be done on a time and materials basis. This should be communicated to you upfront.

4. Know What Happens After the Install

Landscaping doesn't stop the moment the job is done. Plants need time to root, sprinkler systems may need adjustment, and weather conditions can affect early growth.

A reliable landscaper will check in, offer guidance, and be available for repairs or troubleshooting if something goes wrong. Make sure the team you hire doesn't disappear the moment the check clears.

5. Look for Proven Work, Not Just Pretty Pictures

Instagram can make anyone look good for a day. What you really want is a landscaper with a track record—projects that are still thriving a year or two later, and happy customers who refer their friends.

Ask to see real results from previous projects. Read reviews. And most importantly, look for someone whose reputation is built on consistency, not just flashy photos.

Final Thoughts

Your yard is too important to leave in the wrong hands. Take the time to ask the right questions, do your research, and hire a team that understands your goals—and your soil.

If you're looking for a local, hands-on team that's committed to quality, communication, and long-lasting results, we'd love to connect.

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