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## Landscape Design Process

Once you express an interest in our design services, one of our designers will call you to schedule a convenient time to meet. There may be an assessment fee for this initial visit to your location. The fee will be applied toward the cost of the design plan if you contract with us. Below is a guideline of our process.

### 1. **Assessment (Survey Property) Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance**

It is important for us to analyze the current situation and plan accordingly. Failure to properly evaluate changes that need to be made or not made can result in “wasting your landscape dollars”.

Below is a sample of different elements our designers will consider:

- a. Lifestyle: Family, Friends, Pets, etc.
- b. Environmental Issues: Amount of Sunlight, Grade, Drainage, Existing Trees
- c. Neighbor Elements: screening for privacy, etc.
- d. Borders, Patios, Arbors, Outdoor Kitchen, etc.
- e. Lighting and Irrigation
- f. Water Features
- g. Plant selection, Color, Texture, Aroma, etc.
- h. Budget and Timeline

**At the initial appointment; the designer will quote you a price for creating your design plan and will request a down payment before beginning any design work.**

### 2. **Plot your Dimensions - *It is tremendously helpful if you can provide a survey plat.***

We will plot and/or measure any exterior elements of your yard and home that will be taken in to account for your new design, i.e., trees, windows, a/c, pillars, stone work, patio, etc.

3. **Concept Design** - We begin to compile and work all of the above information into a design. The principle is to incorporate all of your needs and try to meet your wants.

4. **Final Design** - The designer puts all the pieces together in a scaled design which meets all of your requirements and potentially all of your landscape dreams. A plan allows you to consider all of the different elements in your project.

**Your designer will again meet with you, either at your home or at Covington's, to present your final design. Meeting at the nursery is ideal as it gives you an opportunity to actually see the plants. At this point you will pay for the balance of the design and the design is yours whether or not you contract with Covington's to install it.**

5. **Turning the Dream into a Reality** - The scaled design gives you an overall working plan (goal) that may be installed in stages as your budget allows. Elements of the plan can be adjusted upon request. Example: switching from flagstone to decomposed granite can save you a considerable amount of money--you may choose to keep the savings or upgrade elsewhere in the plan.

*Covington's specializes in landscape installations as well as custom design!*