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Landscaping Cost Guide

The Basics

00 Introduction



Knowledge Is Power

Here at Haven we strive to bring the most to the table. We provide these free resources for our clients and future clients so they can get the best experience possible. Knowing how the costs of your projects add up helps you spend it right where you want it. By reading through these resources it will give you the confidence in making the right decisions to get exactly the the yard of your dreams.

The Big 5 Factors

- 1. Size, and Style**
- 2. Materials**
- 3. Labor**
- 4. Landscape Accessories**
- 5. Additional Prep Work**

01 Size and Style

Your Imagination Is The Limit

Size and style are huge factors when determining the price of your landscaped yard. In concept the bigger the area, the more materials and labor required thus increasing the cost of your yard by what is needed. Landscapes can have different styles and sizes. With landscape design, the sky is the limit. More conservative yards tend to cost less while more complex yards cost more. You may know why. The complexity of the project wither its the materials or the labor, will increase the cost of finishing your yard.

Size, makes up for the majority of costs. However you would need to consider the type of landscaping being installed. It can be complicated but the concept is clear. Not all large areas cost more to landscape. For example, installing grass will be cheaper than hardcapes and zero scapes. Knowing this will help you make a better decision on what type of materials you want to use and where.

Tips on deciding what type or style is right for you:

Consider what activities you most enjoy doing outside. This will help you think of how much space you should try utilizing for those activities and the type of materials necessary to achieve your dream yard.

Consider how you want to care for your yard. Larger yards take more time to maintain, and water to keep it looking great. A well planned and designed yard can help eliminate both those concerns.



02 Materials

Basic Materials For Landscapes

Top Soil

Sod or Seed

Landscape Curb

Decorative Rock

Weed Barrier

Sprinkling Systems

Pavers or Concrete

Boulders or Blocks

Decorative Plants

Trees

And Much More...



Large Swim Spa Haven Outside

02 Material Costs

Materials & Why They Are Important

A-lot goes into the construction of your yard. From start to finish, there are many small and large materials needed to complete the project. Giving a list of all materials needed to complete your project would be absurd. Although, every piece is necessary and to do it right. As we know at the grocery store there are different products that are pretty much the same however the quality is different. Likewise in landscaping there are cheaper materials, and the best you can buy. This is important to consider because the quality of building products selected can determine the longevity of your yard and or how often something is needed to be replaced or redone.

Everything good comes with a price. When determining the price of landscaping a contractor may be ok with using the cheapest materials available. Obviously this would seem to lower costs but is it worth lowering the quality of your yard? That's for you to call. At Haven we use only the best materials available. We build pools and yards that last a lifetime because we care about the little things. The quality of products chosen to build is nothing to skimp out on. Make your investment last by only choosing the best materials available.

What materials should I pay closest attention to? All materials matter but the ones that should never be neglected are as follows; quality of top soil, quality of sprinkling system and weed barrier.

Top soil can go un-noticed because some may look at it as just dirt. Surprisingly, dirt cost money and the better the top soil the more it costs. The best top soils contain little to no rocks and are rich with nutrients. With most yards you need top soil added. Top soil is important because its where plants and mainly grass will gain its nutrients to grow healthy and last. It will also help

with how level and “smooth” the feel of your grass will be as you play and maintain it.

Sprinkling systems are very important for many reasons. When it comes to watering in Utah, conserving water is huge. It helps lower costs and water waist. Having a higher quality system also helps with the number of repairs necessary in the future. Better systems have benefits of wireless controls right from your smart phone. These systems make it easier to program and change water management with ease. With this feature, it may help lower water usage and help you have a super efficient system saving you money, time and water.

Weed barrier is not always used by some contractors. With Haven Outside we use weed barrier no matter what and its included in our entry level pricing. Weed barrier helps stop the growth of un-wanted weeds. This makes maintaining your yard easy and not to mention keeping it looking good for all to admire with no long Saturdays of endless weeding.

Why is the cost of things rising in Utah? The main reason is materials. The price of materials is increasing because of how much Utah is growing. There is a lot of building happening in Utah homes, buildings and parks. Many of the materials needed to landscape those homes and buildings are the same materials needed to landscape your yard. So when the demand for high quality top soil, sprinkling systems, electrical wire, piping and so on increases the cost of those materials goes up. Its the simple equation of supply and demand.

Since materials are a leading factor in the pricing of landscaping its important not to use the cheapest materials available. The best materials will last, and in the long run pay for themselves so to speak.

03 Labor Costs

Not All Labor Is Equal

What Is General Labor?

All time and labor costs to execute tasks needed to complete your project.

What May Cause Labor Costs To Increase?

Upgrades. Upgrades may take more time and intensify tasks.

Access of work area or site. The difficulty of access may hinder labor tasks or add cost to your project if heavy equipment cannot be used. More manual labor will be necessary increasing costs.

Other factors may apply.



03 Labor Importance



Why is labor important to consider?

Labor can be over looked at times. In some cases labor is the only thing necessary to complete the phase. For example, prepping the ground for sod or setting up the concrete forms. It may be easy to over look the little tasks accomplished to achieve the big picture. Some labor is easy and some labor is hard and both can take time.

When determining the price of your yard all labor has to be considered even the little tedious tasks that are never noticed but are important.

Labor is a huge factor when determining the price of your yard and can sometimes be a big chunk of the over-all cost and labor isn't very well negotiated.

04 Landscape Accessories

Landscape Accessories Costs

There are many things you can add to your yard that aren't necessarily dirt, rocks and plants. For example adding lighting to light the grass play area, or adding a speaker system for your yard, or making sure you have power outlets available for different accessories or seasonal decor and lights. These things add cost and can be overlooked but are serious upgrades making your yard very functional.

What basic accessories are there?

Flood Lighting

Speakers

Power Outlets

Gas Fire Pits

Shade Structures

Water Features

Security Systems

And More...



Haven Outside Example of Automated Pool System "Cadillac System"

05 Additional Prep Work

Planning For The Future Is Important

Additional prep work is important to consider for future plans with your home or yard. During the landscape process, there may be other future projects that need prep before the finished landscaping stands in the way. For example, if you would like a gas fire pit in your yard, running the gas line for the pit would also happen as other pipe lines are ran. Having prep like this done in advance costs minimally more however saves you a ton on the back end. Doing it after would not be as easy.

Knowing about future plans for your landscaping or home can help save costs when you are ready to cross that bridge. It may cost more upfront but, when it comes time to build or execute those additional plans they are ready when you are with out spending more money on work that could have been done during pool building or landscaping.

Tip: Not always is additional prep work needed when building your pool but its nice to plan ahead ensuring everything's done right.



Pool-Side Fire Pit By. Haven Outside

Summery

Taking What You've Learned & Applying It

After reading and learning about all the factors in play that may determine the overall price of your project, now it's time to consider a few things moving forward;

First determine the size and style of yard you're going for. If you are trying to save money, consider making your yard as conservative as possible without losing your unique taste of style. Tip: Adding a few upgrades to materials used wouldn't affect the labor side as much but would add a little more cost to the material. Knowing this helps you determine the most amount of upgrades you can use within your budget.

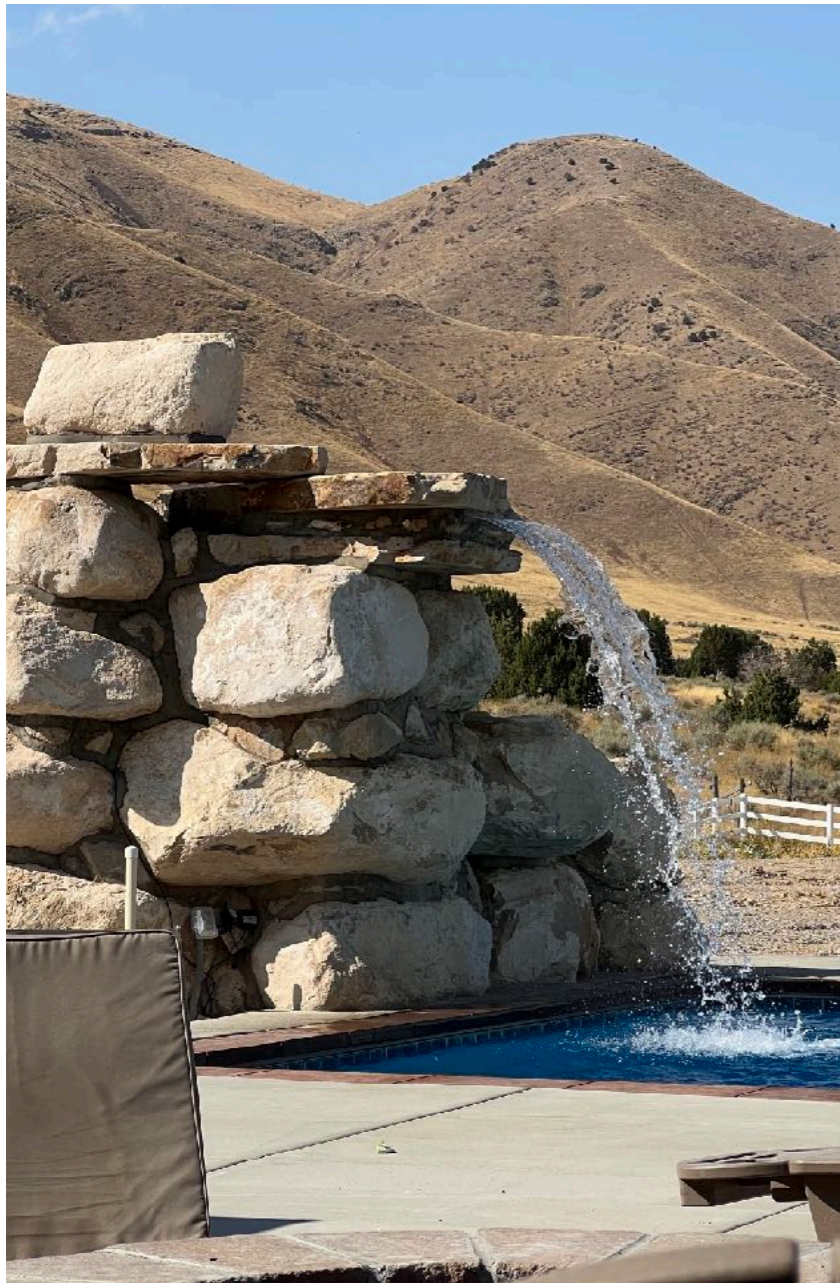
Second, think about how much maintenance you want to do in the future. Obviously you want the least amount possible. Choosing the best materials increases the longevity of your yard before more maintenance is required. More than that, it will give you the peace of mind that things are going to work just fine for a while. Tip: If you are choosing a different landscape contractor double check with them to make sure they are using the best materials available especially on the quality of top soil, sprinkling system and weed barrier. Here at Haven Outside we only use the best materials available and upgrade your sprinkling systems and ensure you have weed barrier. At entry level pricing.

Third, consider all labor factors. If you've chosen a complex landscape project your landscape bid may be more money so plan for that. If you are trying to save money stick with more simple landscaping.

Last of all, consider future plans you have with your yard or home. At the time of landscape construction doing so can save you money later when it comes time to move forward with those plans. It's important to know that it may increase the cost of your landscape bid, but later you won't be paying more to have something done that could've been prepped for at the time of landscape construction. By applying these tips when considering completing the landscape of your yard can help you realize exactly where you want your money to go or where you can cut down on unwanted costs. Planning and executing tasks can be daunting and Haven is here to help guide you to the yard of your dreams.

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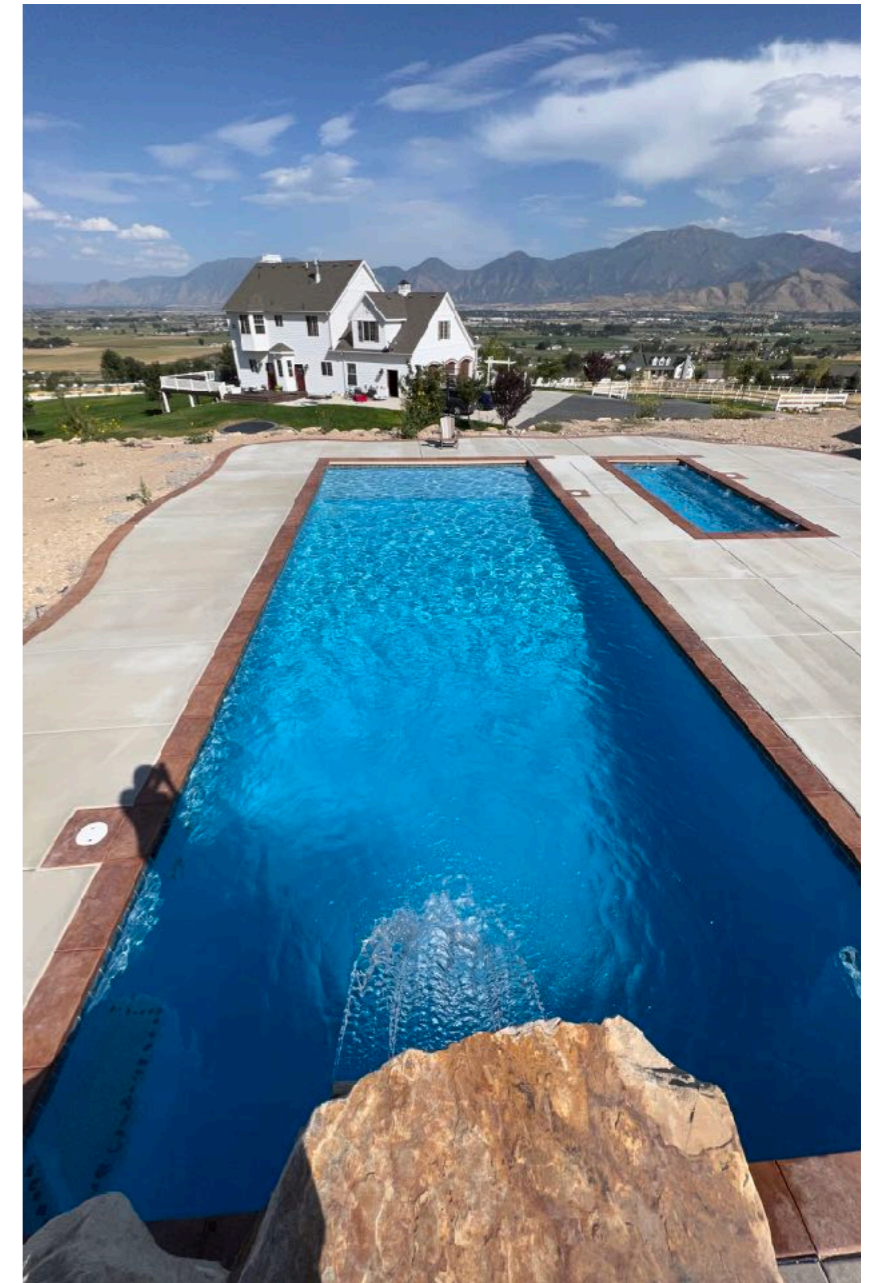
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9 foot jumping platform. All natural rock waterfall. By. Haven Outside



Beautiful sports poolscape with 8x8 in pool spa and finished back yard. By. Haven Outside



Jumping rock view over a 20x50 jumping pool with 10 foot deep end. By. Haven Outside

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