

# **Higher Standards Create A Better Landscape**

Below are our minimum specifications for all our projects:

#### INTERLOCKING STONE WORK:

For interlocking stone work, all areas will be excavated to a 12" depth for patios and walks (20" for driveways), or as required. All subsoil will be sloped away from the home, ensuring excellent long term drainage. We will remove and dispose of all excavated material.

We will supply 8" of 34" crushed stone (16" for driveways) that will be installed and compacted in 2" layers for maximum compaction strength. Following the installation and compaction of the crushed stone, we will install and compact 1" of limestone screenings and precisely level the entire surface to be interlocked.

All walks and patios will be installed with a 2"/10' slope away from the house. We will supply and install premium tumbled paving stones, of your choice, with a decorative soldier course and pave edge restraint along all edges. We will sweep fine polymeric jointing sand in all stone joints and tamp thoroughly, and finish by removing any excess sand and washing the finished surface.

## NATURAL STONE - RETAINMENT / ACCENTS:

When supplying and installing your natural stone, only premium materials will be used. Varieties of natural stone include weathered mossy limestone, armour stone, and specialty rockery stone.

For natural stone retainment walls, we will clearly mark out all walls as per plan and prepare and compact a 4" deep gravel base under all walls. Natural stone walls are to be constructed for both retainment and aesthetics. We will install a 4" socked drainage tile behind the wall(s), backfill with 3/4" clear stone, and install H.D. landscape fabric between all stone joints and between the 3/4" clear gravel and soil. We will also backfill, compact, grade and contour along the top and bottom of the wall(s).

Natural stone accent rocks, selected for both accent and character qualities, will be buried into the ground  $3^{\circ} - 4^{\circ}$  for a nestled look. All stones will be set level in both directions, and we will grade and contour soil around the placed rockery stones.

#### NATURAL STONE STEPS:

All natural stone steps will be installed on an 8" <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" crushed stone base that is well compacted. We will set each additional step with an approx. 4" overlap for strength and create a natural and comfortable set of stairs as per plan. For water proofing and long term integrity and durability, all joints will be properly mortared.

### **OVERSIZED FLAGSTONE:**

For flagstone patios and pathways, we will excavate the entire area 8" below final grade and remove and dispose of excess excavated material. We will supply 4" of 3/4" crushed stone that will be installed and compacted in 2" layers for maximum compaction strength. We will then supply and install a coarse concrete sand, tamp and adjust to a precise level. We will supply premium WIARTON "Over sized Mega" flagstone and install with a random off-set. We will install a decorative low ground cover or landscape mulch (for pathways) or polymeric sand (for closer joints on patios) in all stone gaps.

### **PLANTINGS:**

All plant material supplied will be at least the size as specified per landscape plan, and all plant material will be of the best quality possible.

We will install all large tree items with 12" of quality topsoil under and around the rootball, mix-in peat moss, and water all items at the time of planting. We will stake and collar all large items as required, create a 3' - 4' circle around each tree, grade soil, and supply and install a 3" layer of premium shredded pine mulch.

All garden beds will have 8" of quality topsoil, and we will grade and contour all garden beds for a natural look.

We will supply and install all shrubs, perennials and ground covers, mix-in peat moss, and water all items at the time of planting. We will also install a 3" layer of premium shredded mulch, edge all beds and water the finished gardens thoroughly.

### **GRADE & SOD**

We will rough grade and compact existing subsoil and supply and install 2" of quality topsoil to entire lawn area. We will then compact and fine level the entire lawn area. We will supply and install No. 1 grade blue grass blend sod, power roll the finished lawn area, and water thoroughly upon completion.

# We take great pride in all of our work but also in your property! We promise to maintain a neat, safe, and well organized site during the entire project. We also promise to provide a neat and thorough clean up upon project completion.

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