



# Localscapes University

Gathering Areas,  
Activity Zones & Paths



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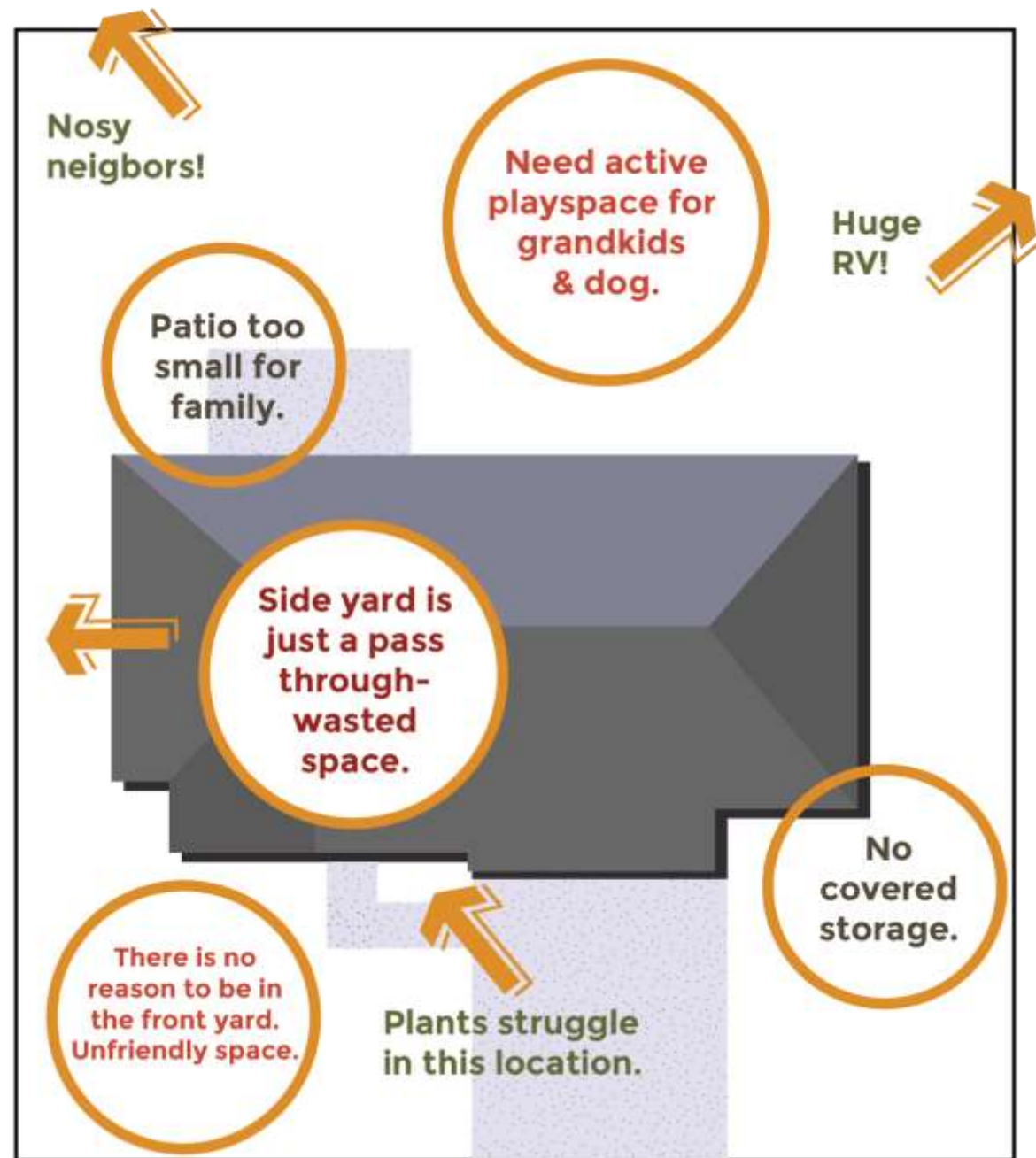
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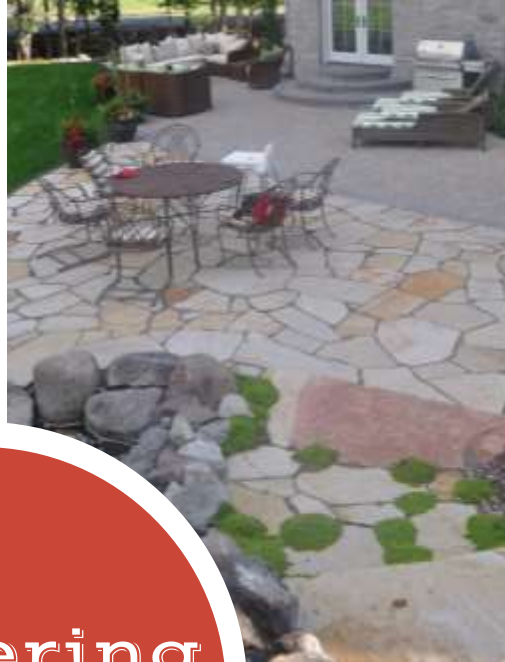




# Creating Functional Spaces

Assess your landscape needs before determining size, type and placement for Gathering Areas, Activity Zones and Paths.





## Gathering Areas



# Gathering Areas

Special spaces  
designed for relaxation  
or socializing



# Types of Gathering Areas

- Patios
- Informal seating areas
- Covered seating
- Decks
- Gazebos
- Fire pits



# Location Considerations

- Purpose
- Sun exposure
- Trees in the area
- Privacy
- Noise



# Location Ideas

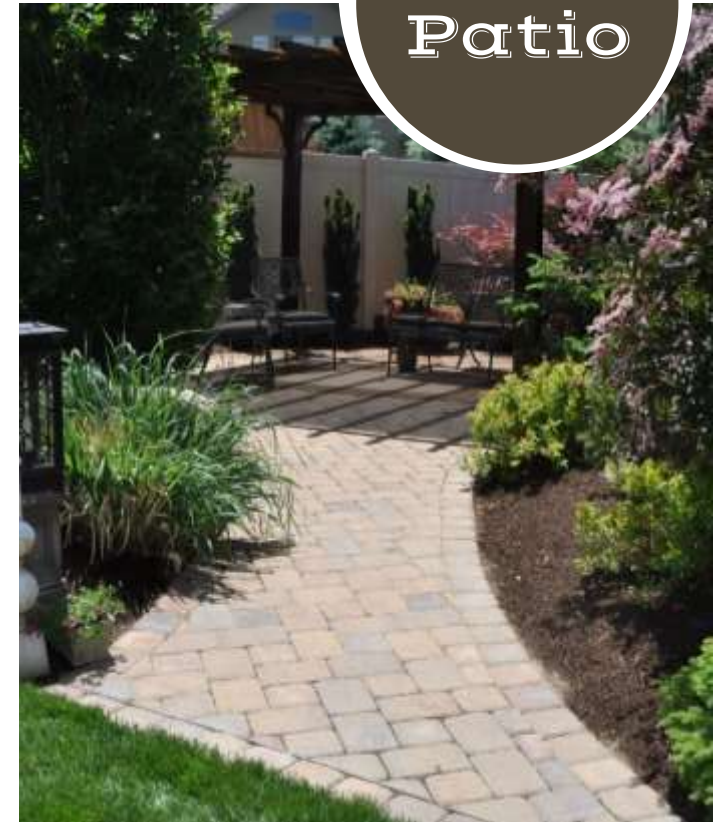
Front  
Yard



Main  
Patio



Bonus  
Patio



# Material Considerations

- DIY vs. contractor installation
- Usage frequency
- Availability
- Budget



# Gathering area: materials

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**Best Practice:**  
Reserve gravel,  
flagstone and  
loose materials  
for informal  
areas



# Gathering Area Materials

Use flat, even  
surfaces to pull  
chairs in and out



# Gathering Area Materials



Flagstone  
Chips



Concrete



Flagstone



Stamped  
Concrete



Pavers

These calculators are designed to give approximate amounts only. They will help you determine the quantity you need; however, variations in subgrade, compaction of subgrade, or inaccurate measurements, even a quarter of an inch, can make a difference.

Aggregate (Rock)

width

feet

length

feet

thickness

inches

agg total

0

tons

Calculate



Landscape Center

At our Landscape Center we have all the supplies you will need to make your yard look its best.



Rock & Sand

See our list and description of our rock and sand products.



Soil, compost, & mulch

See our list and description of our bulk garden soil, compost & mulch products.



Digout, disposal, & recycling

We are a disposal site for old asphalt, concrete, dirt, rock, cinder block, brick, sand, road base, & sod.



Asphalt

Knowing and understanding your asphalt needs, before hiring an asphalt contractor, will save you hard earned money.

# Gathering Areas

Private  
Seating  
Area



Patio



## Activity Zones



# Activity Zones

Designed spaces for  
outdoor work and  
play



# Types of Activity Zones

- Vegetable gardens
- Children's play area
- Storage
- Sport courts
- Trampoline
- Hot tub
- Dog run
- Other active recreation areas



# Activity zone considerations

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Consider:

- Sun exposure
- Space requirements
- Attractiveness
- Purpose
- Need to monitor activity from indoors
- Ground surfacing
- Budget



# Location Considerations

- Sun exposure
- Space requirements
- Attractiveness
- Purpose
- Need for monitoring activity from indoors



A photograph of a backyard playground. In the foreground, a green slide is attached to a grey plastic climbing structure. To the right, there is a swing set with two swings. The playground is situated on a green lawn. In the background, there is a white fence, some green bushes, and a large red-leafed tree. A grey circular overlay with a white border is in the bottom left corner, containing the text "Activity Zones reduce maintenance".

Activity Zones  
reduce  
maintenance



Sand



Gravel



Bark Mulch

## Activity Zone Surface Materials:



# Vegetable Garden Watering

Water gardens  
with drip  
irrigation on their  
own valve



# Adaptability



Children's play space is easily converted to a Gathering Area



# Back Yard Activity Zones



Vegetable garden:  
raised beds on bark mulch

Children's play area:  
playground bark surfacing





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# Paths



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Paths connect  
landscape elements  
and allow for easier  
navigation



# Path Locations



# Primary and Secondary Paths

Primary  
Path



Secondary  
Path



# Primary Path Materials

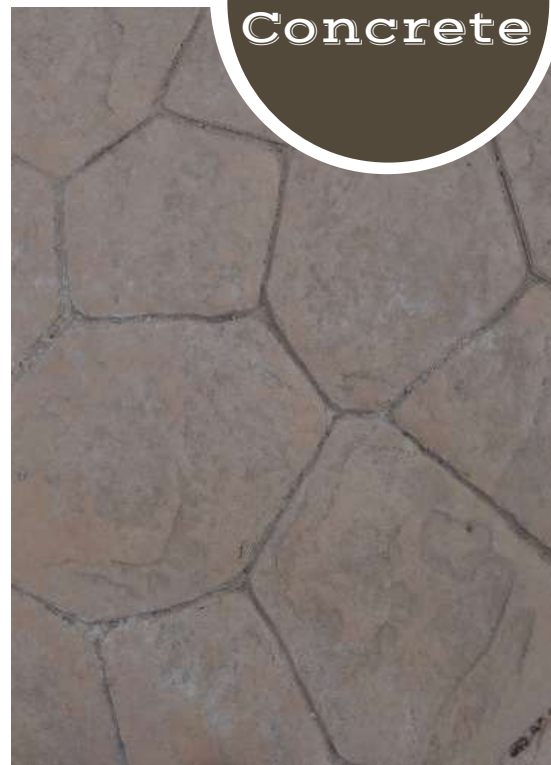
Concrete



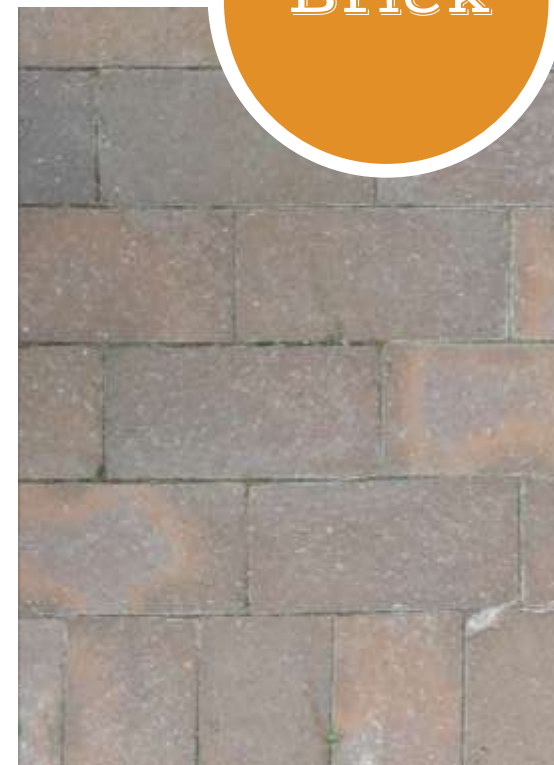
Pavers



Stamped  
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Brick

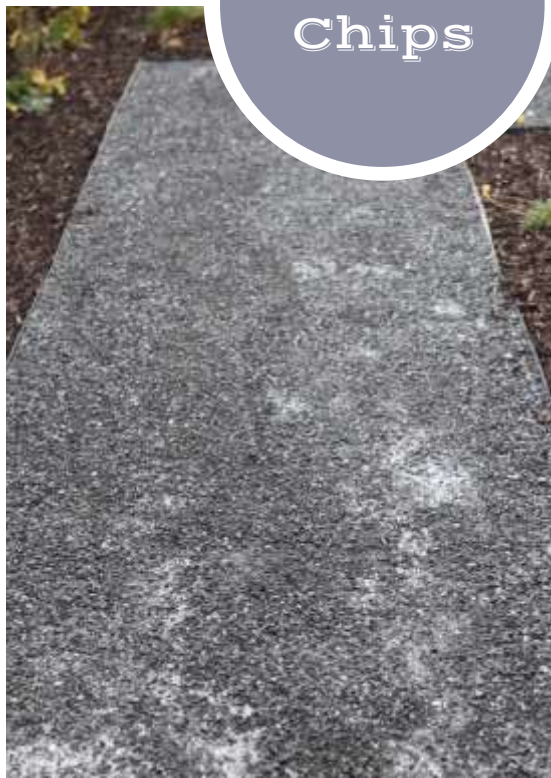


# Secondary Path Materials

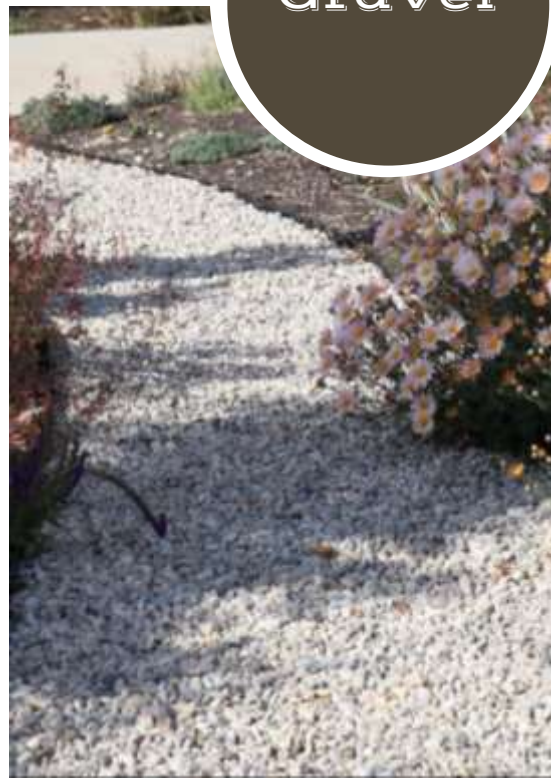
Bark



Chat or  
Chips



Gravel



Flagstone



# Path Installation

Top Layer  
2-3" of gravel,  
chip, chat or  
mulch

Top

Base  
Landscape  
fabric/weed barrier  
fabric

Base

Soil  
Removal  
Remove  
existing soil

Prep

Edge  
Metal edging to  
contain gravel

Edge



# Edging

Edging is a nice way  
to separate special  
use zones  
throughout the  
landscape



# Connect with Paths



# Back Yard Paths





# Questions?



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