

“Start planning your next landscape project as soon as possible. Waiting until you want the work done might limit who you are able to work with and what is available. Winter is a great time to get your design and construction planning done.”

**SEAN BAXTER**  
president, Lawn & Landscape Solutions

“I like to work with a more relaxed landscape approach with color and texture. Many times, this approach will require less maintenance or at least timely maintenance. Look to the more user-friendly and forgiving plants, such as the new varieties of panicle hydrangea and, my staple, catmint.”

**JOHN MCLENON**  
landscape designer,  
Rosehill Gardens

“When building a pool, one of the biggest fears people have is making the wrong decision. I recommend sitting down and making a list of features you would like to have and how you plan on using your pool. When you meet with your design consultant, they can help you make all the right decisions for the pool of your dreams.”

**DAVID ASHBY**  
lead designer, Blue Haven  
Pools & Spas

“When planning a space, consult a design professional about all the options available, such as surface materials, plantings, lighting and irrigation. Ask the pros and cons of each. Appropriate plantings, quality materials and workmanship will bring value to your home for many years to come.”

**CHRISTOPHER FELDKAMP**  
owner, Land Design Group

“The design and build process is a major commitment, and clients want to do it right. They should listen to their instincts, convey their ideas and then step back and trust their professional to address the details.”

**KURT KRAISINGER**  
PLA, LEED, owner, LORAX Design Group/  
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