



## Demystifying the Landscape

Let's get you started with your new adventure.

You've surely heard many of the confusing buzzwords used when describing what we do and how we deliver it so let us take a minute to clarify terms for your sanity!

**Outdoor Living** is an umbrella term loosely used to describe the design concept of creating a seamless transition to an exterior space, typically combining landscape, pool and patio elements. It accounts for traffic flow, who and how a particular space will be used as well as architectural coordination with the home or existing landscape.

**Design-Build** is a project delivery method that streamlines construction by combining design and construction services under a single contract with one entity. It offers faster project delivery and better communication with a single point of responsibility.

**Hardscaping** generally refers to the structural elements of landscaping, such as patios, walkways, retaining walls, and driveways, constructed using paver brick or concrete. It provides functional, permanent infrastructure that defines outdoor spaces, reduces maintenance, and contrasts with "softscaping" or trees & shrubs.

***Stonework*** or ***Stone Masonry*** is the most permanent and naturally beautiful landscape element constructed of stone. It can be used to create stunning custom outdoor fireplaces, planters, pizza ovens, wood storage boxes, seating areas. It requires one of our highly skilled stone masons to shape, fit and adhere the stone. Other examples of stone construction are Patios, Walkways, free standing and retaining walls in many different natural colors and styles. Many different types of stone are available for the ultimate in creativity with custom fabrication available.

We are here to assist you with your design, product and material selections, call us with any questions, we can help get your project started!

Sincerely,

The Valley Outdoor Living Team

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