



# ask *Celebrating 20 Years!* the landscape professional

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**Question this Week:** Hi Linda, I am interested in a cost estimate for a full landscape design. I am in the process of purchasing land to build a new home in East Lyme and would like a "master" landscape plan that we could execute on over a several year period. We would want to incorporate an in-ground pool, walkways, patio, fire pit, children's play house, and vegetable garden. Also, with new construction when do you ideally like to get involved? Thanks,...John



**Linda's Answer:**

Hello John- We would have to see the property and meet with you to come up with a firm estimate for a complete landscape master design plan. We have experience in design and construction of all of the elements you mentioned, except the pool. Our website([www.SprigsandTwigs.net](http://www.SprigsandTwigs.net)) has extensive portfolios of the work we have done. Typically, we would get involved when the house construction was nearing completion. Our process involves one or more meetings with you to capture your preferences and vision prior to starting the creative design process. Ideally, we would design during the winter months and do construction/installation of the landscape in the spring, summer and fall, although we design 12 months a year. When the designs are complete, we would meet and present planting and hardscape plans. We also provide fixed price installation proposals for each aspect of the project. The window for planting in this area runs roughly from late May to mid October; of course, hardscape needs to go in first and that can happen any time of year as long as the ground is not frozen. Thanks for your inquiry and feel free to call or email with any additional questions.

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