



Apples to Apples

First things First. Visit the contractor's retail center to see how well they maintain their facility. If they can't maintain their own facility how are you going to get a great looking landscape.

Have you seen and checked the quality of plants going into your landscape design?

Have you seen the stone, brick, or block going into your new landscape?

Have you set down and reviewed the plans with the landscape contractor and understand what you are getting?

Are you signing a contract for your new landscape project? (this is for your protection also)

Are you getting a design when you sign the contract?

Are you getting a list of plants going into your landscape?

Are plants sizes listed out so you are not just getting the smallest plants available?

What grade of plants are you buying? Grade 1 or Grade 2 or Grade 3

(Kiefer Landscaping uses grade 1)

Are the plants that are in your landscape plan recommended for your zone?

Are you getting a written guarantee on plants and material warranties?

Are you getting a written description of the work to be performed?

Are you getting the thick commercial weed barrier or the cheap see through weed barrier? Some weed barrier will actually puncture if you walk on it, leaving holes for weeds to grow. All landscaping should have a weed barrier fabric. Absolutely no plastic, newspaper, or burlap should be used as a weed barrier.

How thick is the rock bed going to be in your new landscape?

How thick is the mulch bed going to be in your new landscape?

Do the people installing your landscape have experience doing the kind of work you are wanting done?

Do the people installing your landscape have experience or are they new to landscaping?

Find out if the company is under new ownership or management?

Does the contractor own or rent the equipment doing the job? Just remember if someone rents equipment they will be in a hurry to return the equipment, not allowing the time needed to perform the work properly.

Does the contractor have the proper insurance to perform the work that you are wanting done, if not you are liable if something goes wrong.

How many years have they been in business? Sometimes experience and years are figured differently. Example combined years with all employees or number of years in business.

(Kiefer Landscaping 20 years in business or 237 years experience)

It is hard to do an APPLES to APPLES comparison not knowing the above information. Quality work is also hard to put a price tag on. Kiefer Landscaping guarantees all of the above and guarantees the highest level of quality and service that you will find.