

# DIY INSTALLATION PRIORITY LIST

Installing your design in the most efficient manner makes for a stress-free and fun experience. Always hire professional help when needed!

## **PLANNING**

Call 811 to have underground utilities marked at least 2 days before digging, it's a free service.

Mark the layout of garden beds and any paths and patios, a can of inverted marking paint helps here.

## **EXCAVATION**

Remove plants not kept in plan.

Excavate the soil for any patios or paths.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

Install irrigation system, and any irrigation or electrical sleeves under paths you may want for future use.

Build and/or install any structures in the plan.

Spread compost 2" thick on the planting areas.

Use the plan to measure out and place stakes where trees and shrubs will be planted.

Wait until after planting to spread any path material, in order to keep it clean.

## **PLANTING**

Place plants while still in their pots first, step back and adjust if necessary, then plant starting with largest plants first and continuing down planting 4" pots and bulbs last.

Scratch transplant fertilizer into the bottom of the planting hole. Note, it's best to wait for drier weather if the soil is soggy.

Dig holes for trees in a wide bowl shape the depth of the nursery pot, and 2-3 times as wide as the pot.