

PACIFIC GARDEN DESIGN
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Pacific Garden Design is a small landscape design build company located right off Hwy 195 in Spokane, Washington. Pacific Garden Design has been in business for 21 years and their main focuses are urban, rural and forest residential settings and their goal is to create sustainable landscapes in the Pacific Northwest. They specialize in hardscapes such as pavers, stone steps, rock work and water features.

Duties

While working at Pacific Garden Design I had the opportunity to work in the office and the field.

Office Duties:

- Preliminary drafting of sites
- Takeoffs- calculating square footage on the base maps to estimate the materials needed.
- Estimates
- Site Analysis- pre design process where you go to the site and see what is currently existing and taking measurements of the house, trees and permanent fixtures.

Field Duties:

- Plantings
- Site preparation for construction
- Laying pavers
- Irrigation
- Rock placing

I did many of my office duties independently but everything I did was reviewed by my mentor and he gave me pointers to help me along the way. For duties in the field, I worked mostly with co-workers and the foreman.



Hardscape Example



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Prepping site for pavers



Drafting up a site analysis



My Drafting Desk



Before and after photo of a job site where I laid pavers



My Experience

The time that I spent at Pacific Garden Design was extremely valuable. I learned high quality and useful information both in the office and in the field. This knowledge will help me in the future when I am designing and building. I was shocked at closely my education correlated with the work environment. It was helpful that the design work and calculations were done exactly as I had learned in the classroom. One important thing I learned during my work experience was how important it is to be able to communicate effectively, not only verbally, but also graphically in drawings. I learned a vast amount of information in designing, planting, construction, and how to work efficiently. The design and planting will help during my upcoming semesters at school and put me ahead of the game. Because of this experience, I have become a more well-rounded individual within this field of study. Everything that I learned will benefit me regardless of the path I choose, whether it be designing or building. The major thing I realized this summer is that I chose the right career path. I could feel a passion and feeling that I have never felt while working; it was a feeling of pride and determination.