

Comparison of Landscape Design Software Features of Top Rated Landscape CAD Software Programs	Idea Spectrum	Nemetscheck	Dynascape	Drafix
Software Name	Landscape Design Architect	Vectorworks Landmark w/ RenderWorks	DS Design	PRO Landscape
Cost	\$ 249.95	\$2,445	Design Module + Color Module \$2995	\$1,395
Software Updates	purchase if desired	purchase if desired	Requires annual subscription fee	
# Plants	5,700	5000+	5,000	8,500
Total # Objects	12,800	5000+	1,200	8,500
Instant 2 D to 3D	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Virtual 3D Walk-through	Yes	Yes	No	No
Custom Modeling	Yes	Yes	No	No
Photo Overlay Design Capability	Yes	No	No	Yes
Water Feature Design	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Irrigation Design	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Create Movie Scripts for Hands-off Presentations	Yes	Yes	No	No
Automatic Take-offs/Material Lists	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Auto Plant Labeling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Automatic Plant Legends	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deck Design	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Import Photographs	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Create Custom Objects	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Create Custom Textures/Colors	Yes		Yes	No
Slope, Hill Tools	Yes	Yes		
Fencing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Technical Support	Free forever	free for 1 yr from purchase date	included w/ required annual	Free forever
Instant Perspective Drawings	Yes	Yes	No	No
Perspective Drawing Format Style Choices	Yes	Yes	No	No
Plant Symbol Format Choices	Yes	Yes	No	No
Fully Scalable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Import Overlays	Yes	Yes	?	?
Add Color Photographs to Drawings	Yes	Yes	?	?
Insert Plant Photographs on Drawings	Yes	Yes	?	?
Design Lighting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
View Landscape at Night w/ Lighting in 3D	Yes	Yes	No	No
File Outputs	pdf, jpg	many	dwg, dxf, pdf, jpg	dwg, dxf, pdf, jpg
File Imports	AutoDesk 3DS, SketchUp SKP, jpg	many	AutoCAD, dwg, dxf	CAD
Create Custom Drawing Layers	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Instantly calculate areas sqft, length, etc	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Print Colors	Color, B&W	Color, B&W	B&W	B&W
Export Material Lists/Takeoff Options	Excel	Yes	Excel, Word	Yes
Computer Platforms	PC	PC, MAC	PC	PC
Warranty/Return/Refund	30 days	30 days	30 days	60 days