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Landscape Architect's Portable Handbook



Synopsis

Get answers FAST with the Landscape Architect's One-Stop, Take-It-Anywhere Guide. In the office or out on the job, the Landscape Architect's Portable Handbook puts the 20% of information you need 80% of the time at your fingertips! You get instant data for every architectural landscaping project: public and private gardens, athletic facilities, highways, urban/suburban settings, MORE! From project administration, planning, design standards and analysis to site development, construction, materials, field techniques, and common rules of thumb, hundreds of handy tables, diagrams and schematics, checklists and field guides give you the accurate how-to's and expertise you need ANYWHERE, ANYTIME! It packs easily in your briefcase, so you can cut down on time-consuming trips and calls between field and office, or get satisfyingly fast facts and guidelines when you're catching up on work at home. It's a distillation of the entire profession and provides the perfect ASLA registration exam review. You get:

- * A framework for interpretation, conceptualization, evaluation, and communication at multiple scales, regardless of the type of landscape planning or design project
- * Standards, techniques and devices
- * Analysis-to-project administration guidelines and checklists
- * Step-by-step procedures
- * Mechanics and design calculations, formulas, worked examples and models
- * 193 clarifying illustrations -- from USDA plant hardiness zones to basic layouts and schematic diagrams, from approval processes flow charts to a CPM bar chart
- * 98 quick-check tables let you instantly pinpoint area space standards, tree mortality causes and remedies, recommended live loads for different decking uses and maximum decking spans, irrigation system selection criteria and much, much more
- * Scores of easy-to-use, easy-to-remember rules of thumb
- * General unit cost factors for materials, systems, and construction
- * More! From the broad overall aspects of a project to the smallest detail, find the specific data you need on: Project Management; Permits; Site Selection and Clearing; Grading; Drainage; Decks; Fences; Lighting; Paving; Plants; Ponds; Pools; Retaining Walls; Billing; More

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book with the hopes of having a reference that would limit my hours of google research and talking to other designers to try to find answers to common design issues. But for some reason, it seems to have all the information I'm not looking for, and none of the information I'm actually looking for! Buy Time Saver Standards instead. It's heavier and more expensive, but much more complete.

Good, general information for LA's and useful to study for the LARE exam, if you are in that emotionally draining state of mind! Some of the more plant-based facts are missing but general survey, administrative, and planning information is very useful stuff to have in a small booklike format.

Shipping wise, it took a little while to get this book- but after opening the cover I have found it to be a great resource. It gives you all the basics and quick references for basic information you may need to know at the drop of a hat.

This is a great pocket sized guide to landscape arch standards. Some information is a little vague, but that will happen when you reduce a 1000+ page manual (times savers) into a 100+ page guidebook.

Your money is better spent buying the Landscape Architectural Graphic Standards book. This has good info in it, but its too small and I hate trying to flip through it.

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