



and businesses, as well as magazine and newspaper clippings. Identify all the materials you'd like to use for your landscape, down to product brands and specific material types. This will help you determine their cost and availability, while avoiding expensive, last-minute decisions. Find out how long it takes to special-order items, and factor in extra time to find salvaged materials, if they are going to be part of your plan. The internet can be a great place to start when searching for information and products—but be aware of biases in information sources. The line between sales pitch and factual information can be quite blurry on the web (and in person, for that matter).

Universal Design Benefits Everyone

Beyond basic accessibility issues, Universal Design creates flexible, adaptable spaces that welcome users of all ages, sizes and abilities. Universal landscape design strategies minimize the risk of injury and help all users enjoy your garden. For general tips on how to make your landscape useful to a wider variety of users, visit www.lowes.com and click on *How-To*, then *Universal Design*.



Want to learn more?

Go to www.seattle.gov/sustainablebuilding and click on *Green Home Remodel* for an extensive resource list related to topics in this guide.

