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Underground Utility & Construction Waiver

The landscape and irrigation process requires as much emphasis below ground as above. We at Richter Landscape take as many precautions as necessary, and always dig safely throughout the entire project. Unfortunately, there are many underground unknowns, such as utilities, irrigation pipes, lines, boulders, underground water or soil levels, etc. which can drastically change the outcome, or the price of the project. Utility locates are always used and are very helpful, but do not always tell the story of what exactly is underground. It is the duty of whomever contracts with Richter Landscape to inform us of issues like these, not hide them. This insures both parties of fair and correct pricing, and allows us to issue a competitive and accurate price without having to lose time or renegotiate terms should these issues arise.

Soil Conditions

Rocks are abundant in the area. We always expect to encounter a few issues like rocks, roots, compacted, contaminated or poor soil, etc; and have means to complete the project, as long as underground issues were discussed during cost estimating, before starting. Unfortunately, landscaping equipment does have its limitations regarding the size of material it can handle. In simple terms, that's rocks 2-3 foot in circumference. Often times, we can work around issues like these. Disturbed soil over one foot in depth needs to be re-compacted in payers prior to starting landscaping to avoid major settling issues. Boulders should be removed, and over-compacted soil should be corrected during the grading and earthwork phase to allow for proper landscape installation. If not, this could alter layout, pipe routing, grade, etc., or a change in price to accommodate the additional work, unplanned or not, in the contract.

Utilities

Many utilities travel underground to the home or job site. Most can be located, and worked around or done by hand. We have no control over what we do not know about below ground. Anything damaged below ground that was NOT properly located will be invoiced directly to the individual or company contracted with. We cannot be responsible for underground items that we do not know of, or the location of. We will gladly cover accidental damage to utilities that were located, or to pipes, wires, utilities, etc., that we installed.

Client Signature

Date