



# Landscape Technician

Landscape Technicians manage, redesign and maintain properties. This would include growing and transplanting of a variety of plants and construction of hardscapes.



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# career profile

Name: Samuel Aries  
Job Title: Landscape  
Technician

Employer: Green Spaces Landscaping


Education: AAS, Delaware Technical and  
Community College; Georgetown

 I am one of those people who never wanted a career where I had to sit behind a desk. I prefer the freedom of being outside and moving around. Being a landscape technician is perfect for me. I started working for a landscape company after high school, and I liked it. Since I didn't have any formal training in landscape maintenance, I decided to attend my local community college. I earned an associate's degree in horticulture, and as a result, my boss gave me more responsibilities and a raise.

 The company I work for mostly takes care of landscapes around commercial properties and large townhouse and condominium complexes. A big part of my job involves mowing, fertilizing, and aerating turfgrass.



I apply pesticides when needed. I prune trees and shrubs, mulch planting beds, and remove leaves. I plant seasonal flowers and maintain the flower beds. Occasionally, I replace trees, shrubs, and grass. I schedule and record the time spent on each site and the jobs performed. I use and maintain different pieces of equipment including mowers, string trimmers, edgers, core aerators, blowers, rototillers, and sprayers. I also drive a truck with an attached trailer to and from work sites.

 I get a sense of pride after completing a job knowing that I helped beautify the landscape. An added benefit is being outdoors and enjoying the fresh air.



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## overview



A **landscape technician** is trained in and given charge of caring for landscapes.

## suggested high school courses



horticulture science, plant science, biology, chemistry, and mathematics

## experience needed



On-the-job training is typical for most entry-level landscape technicians. Plan and implement a related Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

## degree(s) required



A high school diploma and associate's degree in horticulture are helpful. A Landscape Industry Certified Technician certification and pesticide applicator's license are recommended.

## potential employers



arboreta and botanic gardens, colleges and universities, landscape maintenance companies, municipalities

## salary range



\$32,766 to \$35,660

## employment outlook and trends



The employment outlook for qualified landscape technicians is **high**.

## professional organizations



Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) [www.landcarenetwork.org/](http://www.landcarenetwork.org/)  
American Nursery and Landscape Association [www.anla.org](http://www.anla.org)



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