

ESSENTIAL RESOURCES AND TOOLS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS | QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Resource/Tool	Format	What It Is	How to Access
LDS Account	Website user account	A user account that allows you to sign in to Church-specific tools when directed. You do not need to be a member of the Church to sign up for an LDS Account.	Register for an account at https://ldsaccount.lds.org/ . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Select Create an Account. ▶ Select Register as a Member or Register as a Friend. ▶ Enter a username and password of your choice.
AEC Website (Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Resources for the United States and Canada)	Website	Website that provides the resources to use throughout the project, including standards, guidelines, instructions, processes, drawings, tools, and links. Use these three sections of the website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Guidelines • Landscape Resources • Specifications 	http://aec.ldschurch.org/aec/ Tip: The green AEC button on each page (found in the upper-left corner) opens the international site. To return to the United States and Canada site, scroll down and click US/Canada Information (found in the center column).
DESIGN GUIDELINES—AEC WEBSITE			
Design Guidelines	PDF document	Document that details the Church-specific standards and guidelines for landscape design and construction projects. You should thoroughly understand the guidelines and apply them throughout the project.	To obtain the current guidelines, contact David Wright, AEC landscape architect, at wrightds@ChurchofJesusChrist.org .
Topsoil Testing Report Form	PDF and Word document	Church-specific form provided to the soil-testing laboratory, used to provide the soil-testing data and recommendations. The form lists the Church's acceptable soil levels so that you can compare the test data with Church-acceptable levels.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Design Guidelines (in the center column). ▶ Under Supplemental Documents, scroll down to the Landscape section. ▶ Select Topsoil Testing Report.
LANDSCAPE RESOURCES—AEC WEBSITE			
Landscape Architect Checklist	PDF document	List of the landscape architect's critical responsibilities. Use it as a guide throughout all phases of the project.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Landscape Resources (in the center column). ▶ Under Landscape Architect Checklist at the top of the page, click the link.
Eco-Regions Map	Online map	Interactive online map used to determine the geographic and environmental region (eco-region) for a project site. Specific landscape style options are based on eco-regions.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Landscape Resources (in the center column). ▶ Under Eco-Regions Map, click on the map.
Meetinghouse Prototypical Drawings	PDF document and DWG file	Landscape prototypical drawings based on style options for specific eco-regions. Download these drawings and adapt the designs for specific site locations and conditions.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Landscape Resources (in the center column). ▶ Under Eco-Region Specific Documents, select the desired drawing from the Meetinghouse Prototypical Drawings column.
Common Landscape Detail Sheets	PDF document and DWG file	Church-specific irrigation and planting detail drawings. Download and use as you create construction documents.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Landscape Resources (in the center column). ▶ Scroll down to Common Landscape Detail Sheets. ▶ Click to view as a PDF or DWG.
Interactive Church Approved Plants	Interactive online search tool	Interactive tool used to create a list of Church-approved plants to select from when creating construction documents. Search by filters such as eco-region, USDA hardiness zone, soil composition preference, and more. Submit additional plants for approval if desired.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Landscape Resources (in the center column). ▶ Scroll down to Interactive Church-Approved Plants and click the link.
SMART Controller Planning and Installation Checklists	PDF documents	Checklists provided to the landscape contractor as part of the specification manual. The contractor completes the checklist during installation.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Landscape Resources (in the center column). ▶ Scroll down to SMART Controller Planning and Installation Checklists. ▶ To view the checklists, click Controller Link, Rain Master, and WeatheTRAK.
Training	Documents, e-learning, and videos	Training resources for landscape architects and others who are working on Church design and construction projects.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Landscape Resources (in the center column). ▶ Scroll down to Training. ▶ Click on any of the links to view training.
SPECIFICATIONS—AEC WEBSITE			
Specifications	Word documents	Specifications documents that you will edit for site-specific conditions. Include the edited specifications with the construction documents. The landscape contractor relies on these specifications during construction.	On the AEC website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Click Specifications. Then select New Meetinghouse. ▶ Under Division 31: Earthwork and Division 32: Exterior Improvements, click Expand this division . . . to view the documents. <p>The password is nephi.</p>