**FLAGSTONE WALKWAY**

- Dimensions: 36' x 8' x 2.5'

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**BACKYARD LANDSCAPE DESIGN DIMENSIONS**

**RETAINING WALLS**
- Residential retaining walls can be built between 3 and 4 feet high without pulling a permit. Consult your city for codes.
- Larger retaining walls require a professional installation.

**COUNTERTOPS**
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**OUTDOOR FIREPLACES**
- Smaller fireplaces can be as small as 4 feet tall, 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep. You need at least a 12 foot by 12 foot patio space for a small fireplace.
- Larger fireplaces are usually 15 feet tall, 15 feet wide and 4 feet deep. You need at least an 18 foot by 18 foot patio space for a large fireplace.

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**WALKWAYS**
- Common walkway widths are:
  - 18" minimum
  - 24" functional
  - 30" one person
  - 36" standard
  - 48" two people
- Make your flagstones at least 18" wide to accommodate a man’s large foot or a pedestrian with a cane.

**PATIO/DECKS**
- A small deck intended to hold a round dining table should be at least 12 feet by 12 feet, while a large deck can be designed with much more space.
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**SEAT WALLS**
- Industry standard for wall seating is 15-20 inches tall and 12-18 inches wide.
- In basements, for children, use these guidelines:
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  - 20" optimal
  - 30" maximum

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