

LANDSCAPE DESIGN CHECKLIST

A successful landscape or garden begins with a plan based on individual needs and preferences. This questionnaire will help you and your designer focus on your needs and desires, and the special character of your site. **These questions are not meant to be comprehensive, but to stimulate your own thinking about how you might derive the greatest satisfaction and enjoyment from your outdoor living spaces.**

- What do you like most about your home's surroundings?
- How much time do you want to spend outside; what do you see yourself doing?
- How would you like to develop your outdoor living areas?
- What would you like to see out your windows?
- How might you describe your landscape interests?
- How would you like to feel in your garden?
- What do you like least about your home's exterior spaces right now?

THE FUNCTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Please check activities and family members that the exterior design should accommodate.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Partner? | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children? How many? What ages? | <input type="checkbox"/> Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pets? What kind? How many? | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor dining? How many people?
How often? | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor/outdoor entertaining? How
many? How often? | <input type="checkbox"/> Meditation/contemplation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe) |

DESIGN MOOD. *Please check all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing | <input type="checkbox"/> Nourishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Open |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Serene |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Playful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uplifting | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |

YOUR ENVIRONMENT'S VITAL STATISTICS

- Do you consider your home to be a permanent residence or an interim home?
- What is the age and style of your home?
- Does the garden get sunlight between 9 a.m. and noon? Noon to 3 p.m.? After 3 p.m.?
- Are there underground utilities, drainage systems other problems?
- Do you have plot plans or surveys?
- How would you describe the character of your site?
- Are there existing features you would like to remove?
- Are there features that you wish to renovate and keep?
- Are you or your next-door neighbors planning any major construction?

HARDSCAPE – THE STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT

DESIGN THEMES. *What are your preferences? Please check one or more.*

- Asian** (symbolism, simplicity, more green than flower colors, use of stone)
- California** (native plants, 12-month interest, Mediterranean feeling)
- Contemporary** (dramatic foliage, strong color contrasts, mass plantings)
- Country** (colorful mixed borders, perennials, winding paths, eclectic)
- Formal** (symmetry, clipped hedges, topiary, classical architecture)
- Tropical** (hot strong colors, bold foliage, jungle-like abundance)
- Other** (please describe)

DESIGN FORMS. *Please check the shapes and styles you prefer.*

- Curves
- Rectangles
- Formal
- Informal
- Rustic
- Raised beds
- Tiers/steps
- Hidden
- Sunken
- Other (describe)

BUILDING MATERIALS. *Please check all that appeal to you.*

- Concrete
- Flagstone
- Gravel
- Slate
- Marble, limestone
- Rocks, boulders
- Brick
- Wood
- Bark
- Copper
- Steel
- Wrought Iron
- Glass
- Other (describe)

UTILITY STRUCTURES/AREAS. *Please check features you would like to include.*

- Paths
- Fences/Gates
- Pet run
- Maintenance Shed
- Compost area
- Potting area
- Firewood Storage
- Extra parking
- Garbage/Recycling storage
- Bike/Toy Storage
- Other (describe)

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES. *Please check features you would like to include.*

- Deck
- Patio/Terrace
- Gazebo
- Pergola
- Swimming Pool
- Hot tub/Jacuzzi
- Sauna
- Water feature
- Sculpture
- Paths/Steps
- Retaining wall
- Outdoor kitchen
- Fireplace/firepit
- Lighting
- Greenhouse
- Child's play area
- Sports court
- Other (describe)

SOFTSCAPE – THE PLANTED ENVIRONMENT

The plants selected for your outdoor living areas can provide many things. Take a moment to consider the goals below. Please check each goal you would like to achieve through your plantings:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grow edibles | <input type="checkbox"/> Create privacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create a sanctuary space | <input type="checkbox"/> Add fragrance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attract wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Add texture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce wind | <input type="checkbox"/> Add soft sounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce undesirable noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Low maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide cut flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Low water use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide for exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |
- Are there plants of which you are particularly fond?
 - Are there plants that you dislike or are allergic to?
 - What colors would you like to have around you in your garden?
 - Do you wish to have a lawn? For what purpose(s)? How large?
 - Circle your favorite season(s):
 - Spring Early Summer Late Summer Fall Winter
 - When will you be using your garden?
 - Early morning mid-morning noon
 - Mid-afternoon early evening evening or nighttime
 - Week days weekends

INSTALLATION, CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- How much time will family members spend on maintenance each week, if any?
- Do you or will you employ a gardening service?
- Do you want an immediate landscape or will you install it in phases?
- Will you hire a professional to install the landscape or will you do it yourself?
- Please circle the budget figure that is closest to what you would like to invest:

Under \$5,000	\$5,000 to \$10,000
\$10,000 to \$25,000	\$25,000 to \$50,000
\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$75,000 to \$100,000
\$100,000 to \$150,000	\$150,000 to \$200,000
Over \$200,000	Other (please explain)