



A successful garden design is a reality-based integration of site, climate, architecture, function, owner preferences, time, ability and budget. Most of all, it reflects its users' individual needs and desires. Although we will have ongoing talks about this throughout our time together, this questionnaire serves as a starting point for those conversations, and forms the basis for continued informed design development. In other words, it will keep me from having to guess! :)

Garden design questionnaire:

Date:

Client:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

General information:

What - specifically - instigated the desire for a garden make-over? Please elaborate...

What do you like best about your existing garden? Please list features already in your garden, that you would like to keep.

Are there any particular problem spots in your garden? (Constantly wet areas, dry shade, etc.)

What about your garden would you most like to change?

Will this project focus on a specific part of your garden, or will it involve the entire space?

When would you like to begin and complete this project?

Do you have children? If so, how many, and what age?

Do you have pets? If so, what kinds?

What is your budget?

How do you intend to use your garden? Please mark all that apply.

- A place for rest and tranquility
- Entertaining
- Sports, play and games
- Urban farmstead
- A framework to show off your home
- Other - please elaborate

Garden specifics:

Do you intend to care for the garden yourself, or will you hire outside help?

If you yourself do the work, how much time per week are you willing to spend working in the garden?

What time of day do you usually spend time in the garden? (Mornings, after dark, etc.)

Does your garden have any privacy issues?

Are there any CC&Rs (covenants, conditions or restrictions) or neighborhood HOA requirements that need to be taken into account?

Are there any allergies in your household that could be affected by plant choices?

Please check all specific garden functions and components you would like to have included in your garden plan:

- Hardscaping
- Terracing/retaining walls
- Pathways
- Partitions - walls, fences or hedges
- Decks or patios
- Outdoor kitchen
- Dining area
- Arbors or trellises
- Water feature
- Pond
- Pool or hot tub
- Space for play and games

- Rain garden
- Rocks
- Greenhouse
- Cold frame
- Raised beds
- Lighting
- Irrigation
- Other - please specify (If you own any existing sculptures, or garden art you would like to include, please list those here.)

What functions are most important to you in your garden? Please check all that apply...

- Place to grow edibles
- Attracting birds and wildlife
- A cutting garden for flowers
- Fragrance
- Year-round interest
- Drought tolerant plants
- Low maintenance plants
- Water feature
- Fire pit
- Curb appeal
- Cooking area/outdoor kitchen
- Other - please elaborate...

What type of materials do you want to explore for paths and walkways, if any?

- I would like to keep what is already there
- Stone
- Brick or concrete pavers
- Poured concrete (raw or colored)
- Gravel or crushed granite
- Wooden rounds
- Organic materials (wood chips, hazelnut shells, etc.)
- Other - please elaborate...

Do you have any particular plants that you are especially fond of, that you would like to include in your garden?

Are there any plants you particularly dislike?

What kind of colors are you drawn to, in general?

What kind of colors - if any - do you oppose or dislike?

What words would you use to describe the physical attributes of your dream garden? Please check all that apply:

- Formal/symmetrical
- Naturalistic/romantic
- Linear
- Flowing
- Private
- Enclosed
- Lush
- Open
- Airy
- Other...

Additional thoughts and comments: