

Questionnaire

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About you

CLIENT NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL (HOME):

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This questionnaire is designed to give an overview of your property, your lifestyle, and some of the design problems that will need to be sorted out in producing a landscape plan for you.

Please fill out what applies to you. If you dislike forms, we can go over these questions in person. Ideally, I would like to receive this completed form before our first meeting.

That would start the wheels turning for us all.

About your household

Please list all household members including pets:

NAME	AGE	INTERESTS & HOBBIES

In terms of being in a garden, does anyone have any allergies or special needs?

About your home

How old is your home?

How long have you lived there?

How long do you plan on living there?

Please describe the architectural style of your house.

Does your current garden reflect the architectural style of your home?

Is this important to you?

About your property

How big is your property?

Do you have any plot maps, house plans or surveys of your property?
(These are very helpful if you can locate them!)

Are there easements, deed restrictions or covenants to be aware of in making changes on your property?

Are there drainage problems on your property? Please describe.

Do you need any retaining walls?

How would you describe the site character of your property?

wooded	rural
open meadow	sloped/flat
urban lot	

Are there any micro-climates or special areas we should consider?

windy / protected	steep slopes
hot / dry	erosion
total shade	soggy
poor soil	

What do you like the most about your property right now?

What do you like the least about your property right now?

Circulation

Are you happy with the entryway to your house?

If not, would you like it to be...

- more welcoming?
- more beautiful in general?
- wider?
- more private?
- more open?
- different surface?
- safer?

Do you see the need for other walkways or paths on your property?

What would be your favorite paving materials for these (gravel, stone, brick, pavers)?

Are you happy with your driveway? Is it adequate in size? Is there enough room for guests to park?

Outdoor Living

Do you like the transition between the inside of your house and the outside?

What do you want to use your garden for?

- sitting and contemplating
- reading
- entertaining
- cooking
- collecting plants
- watching wildlife and birds
- growing food
- children playing
- enjoying from the inside looking out
- as a staging area for your business

Do you entertain...

- large crowds?
- small?
- informal?
- formal?

Would you like decks or a large patio?

Do you have an outside dining area? Is it adequate?

Do you have or want an outdoor cooking area?

Would you like permanent outdoor seating?

How much of this area do you want in the...
shade? sun?

Do you have or want a swimming pool or hot tub?

Is a special game area or sport court in the cards?

Do you have adequate outdoor lighting?

Is this something you want?

Utility

Where do you place your garbage cans?

Are you satisfied with this arrangement?

Do you need an outdoor storage shed?

A place for a woodpile?

Compost bins?

Do you foresee the need of any other outbuildings?

Do you have a septic tank or drain field on your property? Where is it?

Children's area

Do you need room for play equipment?

Does it need to be visible from a particular room of the house?

Special play surface?

Screening and Privacy

Do you need to screen a view (E.G. an annoying street light or unwanted view), in any direction?

Do you need screening from noise, (E.G. a busy street or noisy neighbors), in any direction?

Do you want more privacy in certain areas of your garden/house? Please describe.

Maintenance

Do you enjoy gardening?

How much time do you spend gardening?

Do you employ a gardener?

How do you feel about the use of pesticides and chemicals in the garden?

Do you have an irrigation system? Do you want one?

Plant Preferences

(INCLUDING SHRUBS, TREES, GROUNDCOVERS, PERENNIALS)

Are there plants in your garden you are attached to? Please list and indicate if they could be relocated.

Are there specific plants you want in your new design. Please list.

Are there any plants that you do not want?

Are there colors you prefer or want to avoid?

Do you want...

lawn areas (large or small)	groundcovers
perennials	flowers/cutting garden
rose bed	rock garden
vegetable garden	fruit trees
ornamental grasses	native plants
bulbs	fragrant plants

Budget

Do you have an idea how much you want to spend on your landscape project?

Ornaments, Art, Special Features

Do you want

bird attractors	water features
large boulders	dry streambed
swale	gazebo or garden house
pergola/arbor	garden sculpture
containers (pots)	garden furniture
firepit	

Mood

Can you describe what kind of mood you would like to evoke in your garden?

Do you have any childhood memories of beautiful places?

Please describe any details you can recall. Types of trees? Smells?

Can you describe what Paradise would look like to you?

What style of garden appeals to you? Natural? Formal? English Cottage? Far Eastern? Contemporary Modern? PNW? Other?

Please add any other information that you feel would be helpful in planning your design. Include any photos or idea clippings if you have them.

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