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## Landscape Design - Client Checklist

*\* A successful landscape or garden begins with a Plan based on your individual needs and preferences. It is my experience that every successful landscape project is best defined by the designer to be observant and take the time to not only visit the project site and talk to the client in person, but also to take careful notes. Listening, observing, and interacting with a client ALWAYS tells us more than any questionnaire ever will. Intuition plays a significant role when employed by a skilled designer... and always reveals more about our client's needs, the direction of our work and the ultimate success of a Project.*

*... However, ahead of our meeting, this "questionnaire" will help to provide us a framework to 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. Please take the time to fill out what applies to you. These questions are designed to give an overview of your property, your lifestyle, and identify specific design challenges that we will work through... together to produce just the right landscape plan for you!*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred way to be contacted? \_\_\_\_\_

## 'The Functional Environment'

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

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

## **DESIGN MOOD**

*Please check all that apply*

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

## 'Your Environment's Vital Statistics'

- What is the age and style of your home?
- Do you consider your home to be a permanent residence or an interim home?
- Do you have any base information (plot maps, architectural house plans or surveys) for 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.
- Are there underground utilities, drainage systems other problems?
- Do you have a septic tank or drain field on your property? Where is it?
- Do you have a private well on your property? Where is it?
- 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?

## Hardscapes – '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/fire pit
- Lighting
- Greenhouse
- Child's play area
- Game Courts (horse shoes, bocce, tennis, volleyball, etc.)
- Other (describe)

**Softscapes – '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:

- Grow edibles
- Create a sanctuary space
- Attract wildlife
- Reduce wind
- Reduce undesirable noise
- Provide cut flowers
- Provide for exercise
- Create privacy
- Add fragrance
- Add texture
- Add soft sounds
- Low maintenance
- Low water use
- Deer resistance
- Other (please describe)

***Other plant related questions...***

- 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 a budget figure within range of your expected investment objectives:

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)

***Please add any additional 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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