



“Bringing Life to Your Landscape”

Sustainable Landscape Design  
Low-Impact Construction  
Organic Land Care

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### **Landscape Design Questionnaire and Outdoor Activities Survey**

Thank you for allowing us to help you with your outdoor spaces. Sometimes we may forget to discuss a design idea that may be important to you. We have developed this design questionnaire to better analyze your needs in order to create a design that reflects a clear understanding of your desires. Feel free to use the back, make notes, doodle and skip questions that you feel are not pertinent to our discussions.

#### **Family Inventory**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Activities that happen in your yard \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other recreational activities, hobbies or interests \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Plants, Lawns, Beds**

Favorite trees \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite shrubs \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite ground covers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Least desirable plants \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite colors \_\_\_\_\_

Least favorite colors \_\_\_\_\_

How many blooming plants do you want? Tons . . . Lots . . . Quite a few . . . Several . . . Not Many . . . None

Do you have a preference? Evergreen . . . . . Mix . . . . . Deciduous

New lawn areas: Maximize lawn areas . . . . . Balanced . . . . . Minimize lawn areas

Existing lawn areas: Increase lawn areas . . . . . Same . . . . . Decrease lawn areas

Are views a consideration? Y N Inhibit or Enhance

Notes regarding views \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you maintain the landscape yourself, how many hours per week can you work in your yard?

Hours per week: 0-3 3-6 6-9 9-12 12+ \*We have someone else maintain our property

Allergy considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Fertilizers and Pesticides/Herbicides: What is your organic-to-chemical preference?

Organics only... Organic fertilizers and natural pesticides most of the time except where control problems require chemicals... Whatever is most cost effective... Chemical fertilizers and pesticides are O.K. with me

Other landscape notes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Patio, Deck and Perimeter Areas**

Entertaining: Formal . . . . . vs . . . . . Informal Group size: 0-5 5-10 10-15 15+

Outdoor cooking: Y N Permanent grill . . . . . or . . . . . Moveable grill

Notes on patio area(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred patio material: > Natural stone > Brick > Pavers > Patterned concrete > Concrete, colored  
> Concrete, exposed aggregate > Concrete, smooth-finish > Other \_\_\_\_\_

Patio furniture \_\_\_\_\_

Fencing desired: Y N Purpose/Function \_\_\_\_\_

Number of gates \_\_\_\_\_ Location(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Wall construction: Y N Purpose/Function \_\_\_\_\_

Deck desired: Y N Seating built into deck: Y N Planters built into deck: Y N

Deck and other construction notes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Public Area**

Number of cars \_\_\_\_\_ Other vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on entry and/or driveway areas \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Notes on perimeter areas, privacy and/or screening \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Features** (Circle all that apply) formal . . . . VS . . . . informal

Pool	Spa	Pond	Waterfall	Steam bed	Reflection pool
rubber liner	boulders	concrete	brick	natural stone	wood
fish (koi)	water plants	bubblers	fountain	night lighting of feature	

Approximate size and other notes \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Issues**

Sculpture/lawn art \_\_\_\_\_

Pet considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Lawn and garden storage \_\_\_\_\_

Trash considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on children's play area \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable garden? Y N Existing? Y N Compost bin? Y N

Bird/wildlife considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Adjacent structures \_\_\_\_\_

Storage issues \_\_\_\_\_

Recreational considerations \_\_\_\_\_

**Irrigation**

Would you like a new irrigation system? Y N

Would you like to renovate an existing system? Y N

Location of water meter \_\_\_\_\_

Location of water line at house \_\_\_\_\_

Water pressure \_\_\_\_\_ PSI Water volume \_\_\_\_\_ GPM

Preferred location for new controller \_\_\_\_\_

Any potential problems? \_\_\_\_\_



**Outdoor Lighting**

Is landscape lighting desired? Y N (Circle preferences)

Purpose/Function:	Accentuate Landscape	Safety	Security
Areas of special need:	Entry	Drive	Pathways
	House features	Landscape features	Deck
			Trees/Plants
			Dock/Waterfront

Lighting notes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Existing outdoor lighting fixtures, 110v \_\_\_\_\_

Where can we plug in the transformer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Drainage**

Are you having drainage problems? Y N

If yes, please explain and give location \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a septic system? Y N

Location of tank and drain field (please enclose any drawn documents you may have) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Budget**

The current landscape plan under development should reflect a total budget of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This budget is to include: [Circle all that apply]

Landscape design	Landscape installation	Irrigation system	Outdoor lighting
Water features	Demolition, removals	Re-grading/fill work	Retaining walls
Carpentry work	Masonry work	Flat work	Drainage issues

Clarifications or other considerations \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What portion of this budget will be “contracted-out” as opposed to what you will do personally? [Circle one]  
All contracted . . . Mostly contracted . . . Just the big stuff contracted . . . I’ll do most of the work . . . I’ll do it all

Will the landscape plan be implemented in phases? Y N

If yes, please approximate budget and timeline phases \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

