

DESIGN CHECKLIST

What Family Members Should the Design Accommodate?

- Spouse Children – How many? What ages?
 Other Family Members Pets – What kind? How many?

What Activities Should the Design Accommodate?

- Outdoor Dining – How many people and how often? Reading
 Indoor/Outdoor Entertaining – How many and how often? Sports
 Games Gardening Hobbies Other

What Mood Would You Like the Design to Set?

- Relaxing Private Social Energizing
 Soothing Open Exciting Serene
 Sheltered Other

Important Factors to Consider About Your Property:

- Is your home a permanent residence or an interim home?
- What is the style and age of your home?
- What direction does your landscape face – North, South, East, or West?
- What time of day does the garden area get sunlight?
- Do you have a plot plan or survey for your property?
- What is the topography of your property?
- Are there existing drainage systems or irrigation systems on your property?
- Does your property currently have any drainage problems?
- What existing features would you like to remove?
- What existing features would you like to keep?
- Are you or your neighbors planning any major construction projects?

What Design Themes Interest You?

- Asian (simplistic, large use of green and stone, symbolic)
 Californian (Mediterranean inspiration, year round interest)
 Contemporary (strong colors, dramatic foliage, lots of plants)
 Country (colorful mixes, winding paths)
 Formal (classical architecture, symmetric, use of hedges)
 Tropical (bold colors and foliage, jungle-like abundance)
 Other (please describe)

What Shapes and Styles of Design do You Prefer?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Curves | <input type="checkbox"/> Rectangles | <input type="checkbox"/> Formal | <input type="checkbox"/> Informal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rustic | <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Beds | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiers/Steps | <input type="checkbox"/> Hidden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunken | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

What Types of Building Materials Appeal to You?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Flagstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel | <input type="checkbox"/> Slate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marble, Limestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocks, Boulders | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copper | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrought Iron | <input type="checkbox"/> Steel | <input type="checkbox"/> Glass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | |

What Utility Structures/Areas Would You Like to Incorporate Into Your Design?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paths | <input type="checkbox"/> Fences/Gates | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Run | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compost Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Potting Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike/Toy Storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Firewood Storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage Storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

What Landscape Structures Would You Like to Incorporate Into Your Design?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deck | <input type="checkbox"/> Patio/Terrace | <input type="checkbox"/> Gazebo | <input type="checkbox"/> Pergola |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Tub/Jacuzzi | <input type="checkbox"/> Sauna | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Feature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> Paths/Steps | <input type="checkbox"/> Retaining Wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireplace/Fire Pit | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

What Goals Would You Like to Achieve Through the Plantings Incorporated Into Your Landscape?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grow Edibles | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a Sanctuary Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Attract Wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Wind | <input type="checkbox"/> Add Fragrance | <input type="checkbox"/> Add Texture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add Soft Sounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Undesirable Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Cut Flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create Privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide for Exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Water Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Questions to Consider Regarding Plants/Landscape:

- What plants are you particularly fond of?
- What plants do you dislike or are allergic to?
- What colors would you like to have in your garden?
- Do you want lawn space? For what purpose(s)? How large?
- What is your favorite season – Spring, Early Summer, Late Summer, Fall, or Winter?
- When will you use your garden space – Early Morning, Mid-Morning, Noon, Mid-Afternoon, Early Evening, Evening, or Nighttime? Week Days or Weekends?

Questions to Consider Regarding Installation, Care, and Maintenance:

- How much time do you want to spend on maintenance each week?
- 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?
- What budget figure is closest to what you would like to invest in your landscape design and installation?
 - 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