



Landscape Design Checklist

This questionnaire will help you and your designer 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.

The Functional Environment

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Other family, elderly with access needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading
<input type="checkbox"/>	Children? How many? What ages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playing/listening to music
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pets? What kind? How many?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports area?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor dining? How many people? How often?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Games areas?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardening?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hobbies?
<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"/>	Other (please describe)		

Your Environment's Vital Statistics

- Do you consider your home to be a permanent residence or an interim home?
- What is the age and style of your home?
- Does your landscape face North, South, East, or West?
- Does the garden get sunlight between 9 a.m. and noon? Noon to 3 p.m.? After 3 p.m.?
- Do you have plot plans or surveys?
- Describe your property's topography.
- Are there existing underground utilities, irrigation or drainage systems?
- Have you experienced any drainage problems?

- How would you describe the character of your site?
- Are there existing features you would like to remove?
- Are there features that you wish to renovate and keep?

Hardscape – The Structured Environment

DESIGN THEMES. *What are your preferences? Please check one or more.*

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|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Natural Muskoka (Muskoka granite, native plants, live edge stones) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Modern (Square cut stone, clean lines and edges) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other please explain |

DESIGN FORMS. *Please check the shapes and styles you prefer.*

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|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Curves | <input type="checkbox"/> | Raised beds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rectangles | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tiers/steps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Formal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hidden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Informal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sunken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rustic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (describe) |

BUILDING MATERIALS. *Please check all that appeal to you.*

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Flagstone | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rocks, boulders | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Armor stone | <input type="checkbox"/> | Copper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Interlock | <input type="checkbox"/> | Grass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gravel | <input type="checkbox"/> | Concrete |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre cast walls and steps | <input type="checkbox"/> | Triple mix soil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Top soil | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (describe) |

UTILITY STRUCTURES/AREAS. *Please check features you would like to include.*

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|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paths | <input type="checkbox"/> | Firewood Storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fences/Gates | <input type="checkbox"/> | Extra parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pet run | <input type="checkbox"/> | Garbage/Recycling storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Maintenance Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bike/Toy storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Compost area | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Potting area | | |

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES. *Please check features you would like to include.*

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|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deck | <input type="checkbox"/> | Paths/Steps |
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Patio/Terrace	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retaining wall
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gazebo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor kitchen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pergola	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fireplace/firepit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hot tub/Jacuzzi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenhouse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sauna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's play area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports court
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe)

Softscape – 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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Grow edibles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduce undesirable noise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create a sanctuary space	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide cut flowers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attract wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide for exercise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduce wind	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create privacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add fragrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add texture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low water use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add soft sounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe)

- Are there plants you are particularly fond of?
- 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:
 - 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