



## Landscape Client Questionnaire

We will go over considerations for your landscape in our meeting but it is a good idea to get you thinking on the process as you know your place best.

Think about how the spaces are to be used. Approximately by how many people and when.  
Eg: Dining/entertaining, relaxing, hobbies, a place for the kids to play, growing your own vegies/herbs, storage etc.

This will then require elements such as paving and seating, space for tables and cooking and preparing food, movement, lighting and shade requirements, creating an intimate private space for relaxing or a place to play.

Think about privacy requirements, screening from neighbours and noise elements such as traffic etc. Filtering of predominant winds and protection from harsh summer sun.

This is part of the *groundwork*, we can then decide on the *styling* of the garden.  
This is about what you like the look of. Garden styles and features, colours, planting, and materials.

Have a look through a few garden/landscaping magazines to see what attracts your attention and think about why, or look at my pinterest gardening boards <http://pinterest.com/seedlandscapes/>

Think about your budget and how much you want to spend to achieve the look you want. This is important as it gives me information on what materials to use and lets me design an effective plan within the budget.

Please answer all questions that apply.

Date

Client names

Address

Who lives here? names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

pets \_\_\_\_\_ # and type

Existing conditions

What do you like most about your garden?

What do you like least?

What single most important thing would you change?

### Checklist

Any home remodeling changes planned?

Does a neighbour have any changes planned that might affect you?

How long do you intend to stay in your home?

Is the planned garden for your use or for resale?

When do you intend to spend the most time in your garden? (evenings, weekends, summer, spring etc)

Do you have any privacy considerations e.g overlooked by neighbours?

Are there any features on your property or neighbouring properties that you would like screened?

Are there any special features, views, trees or plants that are important to enhance or protect in any way?

Do you have any equipment, furniture or art items that need to be incorporated into the garden design?

Are there any existing elements or structures that need replacing? e.g retaining walls, pergolas, fencing?

Where do you need protection from harsh summer sun?

Where are the shady spots?

Where does water drain or collect on your property?

Do you have noise issues such as traffic etc?  
Allergy considerations?

What is the soil like, clay, rocky, sandy, boggy?

Predominant winds, what areas of your property are affected?

Do you have frosts?

Underground utilities, septic, retention tanks?

Security considerations?

Are you aware of any zoning, codes, neighbours or anything that may impact on the project?

Is your site level, terraced, sloped or a mix?

Do you have a scale plan of the site showing the house in relation to the boundary?

Drainage plans

Plans and elevations of the house

A surveyed plan showing topography (levels, contours, trees, elements)

Do you have a desired completion date? Christmas, spring wedding?

What questions do you have for us?

### The New Garden

How is each person likely to spend time in the garden?

What activities are important in the garden?

Entertaining

Dining for how many people?

Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle or pedestrian access considerations, walking paths, wheelchair etc?

What other elements would you like to incorporate?

Patio, deck, pathways or other paved areas.

Preferences on materials used.

Structures – Pergola, fencing, walls, retaining

Pool

Outdoor kitchen, barbeque, firepit

Lawn areas

Specialty gardens – vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, cutting garden.

Utility areas – bins, firewood, shed, pet area, potting shed, greenhouse, composting, hose/tap, extra parking

Waterfeature

Lighting

Irrigation

What colours and materials attract your attention?

Garden Installation – Do you plan to engage a licensed Landscape Contractor?

Or are you planning on installing the garden yourself?

Maintenance – Do you have an interest in plants & gardening and plan to maintain the garden yourself?

Do you prefer to have a professional gardener maintain the garden?

Design Theme – How would you like your garden to look and feel - Circle all that apply

Formal	Contemporary	Private	Serene/Calming
Relaxing	Casual/Informal	Verdant/Lush	
Symmetrical	Bold	Fun/Whimsical	Exotic
Asian fusion	Sub-tropical	Fragrant	
Sheltered	Rustic	Architectural	Spiritual
Family garden	Native	Classic	
Country	Semi-formal	Resort	Natural/Wild

Planting preferences

Please list any plants that you must have in your garden:

Any you would rather not see in your garden:

Budget:

Most people don't want to think about this, but your budget will determine whether your garden can be installed all at once or completed in stages. It will also determine whether or not you can hire a professional landscape contractor to install and/or maintain the garden.

The selection of materials and the size of the plant material specified in the final plans will also be determined by your budget. It allows me to design effectively within the budget and drives the project. We can then work with clarity together to design a garden will be bought to fruition.

Do you have a clear picture of your present or future budget?  
Include details if possible.