

Landscape Project Checklist

We will go over the 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 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. Take a look at my pinterest gardening boards for some inspiration.

<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.

Client names

Contact phone numbers

Address

Who lives here?

names and ages. incl 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?

Any home remodeling changes planned?

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

Is the planned garden for your use or for resale? How long do you intend to stay in your home?

When do you intend to spend the most time in your garden?

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?

Predominant winds, what areas of your property are affected?
Do you have noise issues such as traffic etc?

Allergy considerations?

What is the soil like, clay, rocky, sandy, boggy?
Where does water drain or collect on your property?

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 scaled site plan 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?

Entertaining/dining for how many people?

What other elements would you like to incorporate? Patio, deck, pathways or other paved areas, pergola, fencing, walls, retaining, pool, outdoor kitchen, barbeque, firepit, lawn areas, waterfeature, specialty gardens – vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, cutting garden

Vehicle/pedestrian access considerations, driveway, separation of entry, steps/ramps etc?

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

Lighting & Irrigation

What are your preferences for colours and materials?



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

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 that will be bought to fruition.

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