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Landscape Design Checklist

So many factors are involved in making decisions for your landscape design. The following may not include everything you want or need to enhance your life in your new landscape or there may be too many items on this list, however, it will give you direction and open your mind to things you may not have thought of before.

You can record your ideas and thoughts by filling this out online, or you can print it and fill it out by hand.

The most important question is, 'Who' will be involved in the decision making for the new design and implementation of your new landscape?

The Functions Desired in the Landscape Design:

Will the new yard need to accommodate children? _____

If so, how many children and what ages? _____

Will pets need a special area of their own? _____

Will a dog run be included? _____

Will a sports area (basketball, tennis) or large lawn area for soccer, football, baseball, etc. be included? _____

Is an outdoor dining area needed and if so for how many people? _____

Outdoor entertaining area desired? _____

An outdoor kitchen? _____

Fireplace or Fire pit? _____

Area for Vegetable Garden? _____



Your Environment:

What is the age and style of your home? _____

Does your yard face North, South, East or West? _____

When does your yard get sun?

Between 9 a.m. and noon? _____

Noon to 3 p.m.? _____

After 3 p.m. _____

Is your land hilly or flat? _____

Do you know where the existing underground utilities, irrigation or drainage systems are located? _____

Do you have drainage problems? _____

Are there features that you would like to remove or renovate and keep? _____

Over all Design:

What type of 'mood' do you wish to have created? (Relaxing, private, social, spiritual, serene, sheltered, energizing?)

Which Would be Your Favorite Design Theme(s)?

_____ **Asian** (simplicity, more green than flower colors, use of stone)

_____ **California** (native plants, 12-month interest, Mediterranean feeling)

_____ **Contemporary** (dramatic foliage, mass plantings, color contrasts)

_____ **Country** (winding paths, colorful mixed borders)

_____ **Formal** (clipped hedges, topiary)

Other _____



Structures you Would Like to Have Included in the New Design:

- ☐ Deck(s)
- ☐ Patio or Terrace
- ☐ Fences/Gates
- ☐ Maintenance Shed
- ☐ Compost Area
- ☐ Raised Beds
- ☐ Pergola or Gazebo
- ☐ Swimming Pool
- ☐ Spa
- ☐ Water Feature
- ☐ Retaining Wall
- ☐ Greenhouse
- ☐ Garden Sculpture
- ☐ Lighting
- ☐ Extra Parking
- ☐ Garbage and Recycling Storage

Do you have plants that you are particularly fond of?

Are you allergic to any plants?

Installation, Care and Maintenance

How much time will you spend on maintenance each week?

Will you employ a gardening service? _____

Do you want to install the entire landscape at once or do it in stages? _____

Do you need a professional to install the landscape or will you do it yourself? _____



What are you Planning for a Budget for the Investment 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

Finally, Walk Around and Take Pictures of Gardens/Landscaping That You Like

Gather Pictures From Magazines. Etc.

The more information you have in the beginning, the more you will enjoy the newly landscaped yard in the end.