
Landscape Design Questionnaire

*The intent of this questionnaire is to identify various design influences.
Not all questions may be applicable to your specific project.*

How do you currently use the space?

How would you like to use the space?

What things do you like about the site? What do you dislike?

What specific features would you like to add?

How would other members of your family like to use the landscape and its new spaces?

If you have children, what specific uses will they be growing into and out of?

If you have pets, do they have any specific requirements that will influence the design?
Do you want to shut them out of the landscape or let them into specific areas?

Are there any existing problems that should be addressed? (Animals/insects, sun/shade, wind, poor drainage, lack of privacy, heat/cold, lighting, etc.)

What is your budget for the improvements?



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If you were to think of various parts of your landscape as outdoor rooms or extensions of your indoor living spaces, what would you call them? (Kitchen, storage, living room, etc.)

What areas of your house do you use the most? Are there any views of the surrounding landscape that you enjoy from the inside of the house?

What is the architectural style of your house? (Ranch, Tudor, Victorian, etc.) What character defining aspect of it would you want to carry through into the landscape?

Is there a particular landscape aesthetic that you want to use? (Formal, Contemporary, Natural, English, Cottage, etc.)

Are there any particular plants, paving surfaces or building materials you want to use?

Are there any existing plants and/or materials you want to reuse within the new design?

Do you have any preference of any foliage/flower color, texture, or fragrance?

Are you or any members of your family allergic to any plants or to bees?

Do you have any desire to save water and/or to attract wildlife?

How long do you plan to stay in your current residence?



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Are there any setbacks, easements, or other zoning regulations that may restrict the design?

Are there any underground utility lines or water lines you should be aware of? (California 811 will help locate these utilities before excavation.)

What local building codes may apply to any of the work? (Maximum fence height or specific fence material, for example.)

Do any of your plans influence your neighbors' interests? If so, have you discussed your plans with them?

Are there any Heritage Trees (trees protected by law) or other special elements to take into consideration?

Are you currently working with or plan to work with an Architect, Engineer, Landscape Contractor, or other Landscape Architect?

Are any rebates available to you through your city, county, utility that would help fund the project?

Final Remarks

Are there any thoughts and considerations you have that may influence the landscape design?



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