

# THE LANDSCAPING CHECKLIST

This checklist contains many landscape features and considerations. Each category has a wide variety of items from which to choose. [Using this list will help you to gain a better understanding of what your needs are.](#)

## The Planted Space (softscape)

### PLANTS

*Check all that you would like to include*

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shade trees (40' - 100')                | <input type="checkbox"/> Vines                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small flowering trees (under 40')       | <input type="checkbox"/> Perennials           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specimen trees (under 40')              | <input type="checkbox"/> Annuals              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen trees (15' and over)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deciduous hedges (5' - and over)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen hedges (5' - 15')             | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulbs                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen/ flowering shrubs (3' - 10')  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit trees & shrubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deciduous / flowering shrubs (3' - 10') | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers / cutting    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen ground cover                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deciduous ground cover                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____          |

**Favorite plants** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unfavorable plants** \_\_\_\_\_

### PLANT USE

*Intended goal to be achieved through plants used*

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution reduction   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fragrance         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site enhancement      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attract birds     | <input type="checkbox"/> Shade                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing for children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise reduction   | <input type="checkbox"/> Edible                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wind reduction    | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs for cooking     |

### STYLE

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informal (natural)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Inward orientation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal (manicured)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Outward orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curved rows or edges | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linear rows or edges | _____                                        |

### FAVOURITE COLOURS

- \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

### FAVOURITE SEASONS

- Spring
- Summer
- Fall
- Winter

### TIMES OF DAY GARDEN WILL BE USED

- Early morning
- Mid morning
- Noon
- Mid afternoon
- Early evening
- After dark

### YOUR IDEAL PLANTED SPACE

- Plants \_\_\_\_\_
- Style \_\_\_\_\_
- Use \_\_\_\_\_

## The Structural Space (Hardscape)

### DESIGN THEME

*There is no need to choose one theme unless there is a particular style that you wish to adhere to.*

- Oriental** (strong symbolism, simplistic, use of sand and gravel aggregates, stone sculptural elements)
- English** (colourful, naturalistic, mixed perennials, topiary, whimsical, eclectic)
- Early American** (practical, symmetrical, hedged in, mixed herb and vegetables)
- New American** (asymmetrical, colourful, 12 - month interest, mixed woody/perennial)
- Contemporary** (single specimen plant or several trees, simple, uncluttered)
- Other**

### MOTIF

*Overall shapes you prefer and style of installation*

*Features you would like to include*

- |                                     |                                   |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curves     | <input type="checkbox"/> Decks    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rectangles | <input type="checkbox"/> Patios   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fountains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Squares    | <input type="checkbox"/> Walks    | <input type="checkbox"/> Steps     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crescents  | <input type="checkbox"/> Seating  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trellis   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural    | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Gym | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence     |

- Tiered / Stepped
- Mortared
- Dry
- Sunken
- Raised
- Hidden
- Formal
- Informal
- Rustic

- Athletic Courts
- Swimming Pool
- Hot Tub
- Jacuzzi
- Sauna
- Planters
- Arbour
- Portico
- Gazebo

- Barbecue
- Lighting
- Statuary
- Greenhouse
- Retaining Wall(s)
- Picnic table

### UTILITY STRUCTURES

*What you need and / or would like to include*

- Clothesline
- Storage
- Parking
- Garage
- Pets
- Firewood
- Potting Shed
- Compost
- Maintenance shed
- Service

*Check all those that appeal as possibilities*

- Brick
- Flagstone/slate
- Rock
- Pavers
- Lumber
- Concrete
- Textures, coloured & patterned concrete
- Mulched paths
- Interlocking block
- Epoxies gravel
- Fiberglas
- Steel
- Rubber
- Reed or fabric
- Asphalt
- Gravel

### YOUR IDEAL STRUCTURAL SPACE

Motif \_\_\_\_\_

Landscape Structures \_\_\_\_\_

Utility structures \_\_\_\_\_

Building Materials \_\_\_\_\_

## The Functional Space

### DESIGN FUNCTIONS

*Outdoor activity special needs*

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|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining<br>How many?<br>How often? | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertaining<br>How many?<br>How often? | <input type="checkbox"/> Children<br>How many?<br>Ages? | <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic activities<br>_____<br>_____ |
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## DESIGN MOOD

What mood of feeling would you like your outdoor space to convey?

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunning | <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to music | <input type="checkbox"/> Open  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry a Laundry   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |                                          |                                |

## YOUR IDEAL FUNCTIONAL SPACE

Functions \_\_\_\_\_

Mood \_\_\_\_\_

# Maintaining Your Outdoor Environment

## CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

### Maintenance you plan to perform yourself

### Estimated hours / week / task

Mow lawn	_____
Rake leaves	_____
Fertilize & treat lawn & shrubs	_____
Prune shrubs	_____
Prune trees	_____
Irrigate	_____
Weed & edge beds	_____
Mulch beds	_____
Paint / preserve/repair structures	_____
Plant trees & shrubs	_____
Plant perennials & annuals	_____
Install landscape structures	_____

Total hours required for working in the garden. \_\_\_\_\_

Hours you intend to spend working in the garden \_\_\_\_\_

Hours you will require assistance from professionals or other helper. \_\_\_\_\_

# Your Property's Vital Statistics

Measurements of design areas \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic orientation and hours of sun \_\_\_\_\_

Prevailing winds \_\_\_\_\_

Sloping areas and percentage of grade \_\_\_\_\_

Pleasant views \_\_\_\_\_

Drainage pattern and / or problems \_\_\_\_\_

Location of underground utilities \_\_\_\_\_

Features worth retaining \_\_\_\_\_

Other property characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Overall Budget

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