

# LANDSCAPE SITE & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The first step to planning your landscape is to evaluate your current site and needs.

This form will help you evaluate what you have and what you want.

## PRIVATE AREA

Do you want enclosed privacy areas? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What type of enclosure? Walls \_\_\_\_\_ Fences \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a deck or patio? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of materials would you prefer:

Surface area \_\_\_\_\_

Covered Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what material? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want patio/deck? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people your patio will accommodate most often \_\_\_\_\_

## Lawn Games Area

Will the lawn area be used at night and therefore need lighting? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please check yes if you want any of the following lawn games?

Badminton (24' x 54') \_\_\_\_\_

Basketball (40' x 40') \_\_\_\_\_

Croquet (30' x 60') \_\_\_\_\_

Horseshoes (20' x 40') \_\_\_\_\_

Putting Green (30' diameter) \_\_\_\_\_

Shuffleboard (6' x 45') \_\_\_\_\_

Tetherball (20' diameter) \_\_\_\_\_

Tennis (60' x 120') \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Children's Play Area

Some of the following play items might be included in the play area. Circle those you would like to add or include on your property:

Playhouse                      Slide                      Swings                      Sandbox  
Blackboard                      Playground                      Wading Pool                      Tricycle "freeway"  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

What types of surfaces do your children want to walk on and play in, in their play area?

Sand \_\_\_\_\_ Wood chips \_\_\_\_\_ Wood \_\_\_\_\_ Small gravel \_\_\_\_\_ Grass \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

## PUBLIC AREA

### Facilities Needed for Outdoor Cooking

Do you want a permanent cooking grill?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_  
Size \_\_\_\_\_      Gas \_\_\_\_\_      Charcoal \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you rather use a portable grill?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you need a sink with running water?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_  
Is running water available?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like an outdoor bar?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

List any other cooking needs \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is overhead shade needed to protect people and furniture? Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Would a trellis covering be enough?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a roofed area overhead?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Materials desired? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Swimming Pools

Are you considering a permanent pool and patio area? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_

Shape \_\_\_\_\_

Diving Area \_\_\_\_\_

Decking Material \_\_\_\_\_

Pool Material \_\_\_\_\_

Outdoor Lighting at Night \_\_\_\_\_

Dressing Facilities \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Storage \_\_\_\_\_

Pool Cover \_\_\_\_\_ removable or mechanical/permanent (circle one)

## Accessories

Container Plantings\_\_\_\_\_

Planter Boxes\_\_\_\_\_

Dwarf Fruit Trees\_\_\_\_\_

Drought Tolerant Plantings\_\_\_\_\_

## Possible Outdoor Elements

Sculpture \_\_\_\_\_

Bird Bath \_\_\_\_\_

List of currently existing problem areas\_\_\_\_\_

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What size driveway do you need?\_\_\_\_\_

Surface material desired? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cars in the family? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need off-street parking for guests? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Surface material desired? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cars? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need privacy from the front street? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to have an entrance court? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Surface material desired? \_\_\_\_\_

Is shade needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Is a bench appropriate? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the front landscape need utility lighting at night for safety? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want landscape lighting for dramatic nighttime effects? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

### **Permanent Seating**

Do you desire permanent seating? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Where do you need seating? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following seating arrangements would you like to use?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Moveable Benches
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Seat-High Planters or Walls
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Tables and Chairs
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Bench incorporated with Deck
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Other Ideas \_\_\_\_\_
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Desired Materials: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **SERVICE AREA**

Based on your interest in working in the landscape, to what extent should your future landscape plan be maintenance free? Minimum\_\_\_\_\_ Moderate\_\_\_\_\_ High\_\_\_\_\_

### **Gardens**

Do you want a vegetable garden? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Type of vegetables \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like the garden screened from view? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

In addition to a vegetable garden, which of the following ornamental type gardens would you add to your property?

Natural Study Garden \_\_\_\_\_

Hobby Garden (potted plants) \_\_\_\_\_

Herb Garden \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Borders \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a flower-cutting garden? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Types of flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to create your own fertilizer (compost)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

### **Pets**

Does your dog (or other pet) require a place to run? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Dog House \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Run \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Shade \_\_\_\_\_

Other pet requirements \_\_\_\_\_

### **Clothesline**

Do you want a clothesline? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Frequent use \_\_\_\_\_ Occasional Use \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ Portable \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Material \_\_\_\_\_

### **Storage**

Is there a need for storing recreational vehicles? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Jetski \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a place to store lawn equipment? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Size needed \_\_\_\_\_

Is storage needed for patio furniture? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred location \_\_\_\_\_

**LAWN AND PLANT AREAS**

How much lawn do you desire?

Large \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

What type of lawn sprinkler system will you use?

Pop-up spray \_\_\_\_\_ Subsurface \_\_\_\_\_

Will you use drip irrigation for plants? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Brand name preference, if any \_\_\_\_\_

List of plants you would like incorporated in your design:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any plants or insects you are allergic to? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there favorite colors for the above plant material you may want to incorporate into the design? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you desire to attract hummingbirds, birds, etc by feeders or birdbaths?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional improvement needs or wants:

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