



Client Survey

Your time is valuable. Feedback before our first meeting will help ensure that this meeting is productive and efficient. This survey is intended to be a starting point of discussion. With the valuable information you provide I can begin to appreciate what you want, and explore preliminary ideas. This survey (page 2) deals with:

- lifestyle
- household members
- likes and dislikes (e.g. colour)
- existing level of plant knowledge, and
- desired level of service

There may be many reasons why you may be considering hiring a landscaper, greenscaper or landscape designer.

- a) You may be looking for ideas on improving, or transforming your current gardens and plantings, or are planning to install a new garden and wonder where to begin.
- b) Have you recently moved and want to know what you have; if the plants are appropriate; and how to care for them?
- c) Would you like to increase your home's curb appeal without a major investment in time and money?
- d) Or, do you feel your gardens just need a face lift or rejuvenation?

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SURVEY

ABOUT YOU...

Name _____ date _____

1. *What are your gardening strengths?*

2. *How would you describe your gardening challenges?*

3. *What is your ultimate goal of this consultation, and what are your expectations?*

4. *Scope of consultation (front yard/ backyard/ side yards). If more than one area, please assign priority to each, #1 given to the highest priority:*

5. *Pets: Please list any pets that will have regular access to the yard and/or gardens and describe their normal behaviour on the property and around the gardens- e.g. diggers, ignore boundaries etc.*

Children/Grandchildren (residents or regular visitors)

6. *Please provide the number of individuals in the appropriate age category:*

Adult(>18 yrs.) _____ 0-4 yrs., toddlers _____ 5-12 yrs. _____ 13- 18 yrs. _____

Travel

1. *If you spend regular (e.g. weekend cottage visits) or lengthy periods of time (e.g. 3 week vacation travel) away from your yard/garden, please estimate the average number of absent days or frequency by season:*

Spring _____ days

Summer _____ days

Fall _____ days

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Activities

- 2. Please list or circle typical activities that take place in yard/gardens: soccer, baseball/football, catch, fetch, reading, dining...

Highlight & Priority

- 3. Please describe your most important focus/foci in the garden/yard, relaxation (visual, scent, sound...), gardening, gathering flowers for arrangements, attracting pollinators, providing food and habitat for wildlife (birds etc.), playing, seasonal changes (e.g. fall colours)?

- 4. If you had to prioritize changes to the garden restructuring or maintenance schedule what would your priorities be?

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

Yard/Garden Maintenance Responsibilities

- 5. What is the average amount of time spent each week (spring, summer & fall) on yard maintenance, lawn cutting, weeding etc.?:

Self _____ hr., other Family member(s) _____ hr., Contractor _____ hr.

- 6. Will this level of maintenance or care likely increase/decrease/remain the same, and by approx. how many hours?

- 7. For garden installation/renovation, what proportion of annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs will you prefer?

Annuals _____% Perennials _____% Shrubs _____% Trees _____%



Preferred Style

FORMAL *predictable*defined	INFORMAL *dramatic colours/shapes	MEADOW-LIKE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › well-defined, consistent plant shapes › ample space between plant groups › similar colours & shapes in large groups › avoids drama › predictable/easily controlled appearance, arrangement & growth › emphasis on individual plants/specimens › structured border › angular structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › dramatic shapes & sizes › contrasting colours & shapes for high visual stimulus › some visual chaos › less defined shapes › less space between different plant species & varieties › moderate control of plant growth › balanced emphasis between individual plants & overall garden › curvaceous structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › minimal space between different plants › great variety in plant shape, size, & colour › minimal control over plant growth › emphasis is on the group /community of plants › no structural border

8. *What is your preferred style or blend of styles, in your own words or using the descriptors above?*

9. *Favourite colours in garden/yard:*

10. *Colours to avoid in garden/yard:*

11. *Preferred plant shapes or general shapes in garden/yard:*



Desirable Plants or Gardens

12. Please assign a priority ranking (# 1-most important):

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|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| _____ | Edible fruit/vegetables/herbs | _____ | Perennial flowers |
| _____ | Fall flowering annuals/perennials | _____ | Perennial grasses |
| _____ | Water gardens | _____ | Rock gardens |
| _____ | Cutflower gardens | _____ | Specimen trees/shrubs |
| _____ | Fruit tree | _____ | Annuals |
| _____ | Deciduous shrubs/trees | _____ | Evergreen shrubs/trees |
| _____ | Other ? | | |

13. Size limitation (width and/or height) to larger plants such as trees/shrubs:

14. Space restrictions, such as septic beds, wells, in ground irrigation, future construction (e.g. new /expanded deck /patio, pool) ; new/expanded walk/driveway; home addition etc.:

15. **Special Considerations**-plant allergies, toxicity for people /pets:

16. Preferred season for garden/yard enjoyment spring/summer/fall/all seasons: _____

17. Impressions of soil type & moisture content: e.g. predominantly sand, silt or clay; dry/wet/moist for most of growing season:

18. Any other issues or considerations that you think are relevant to a garden or landscape design, or a maintenance plan?

19. Any other ideas or questions not already mentioned that might be helpful?
