



Client Questionnaire

Your time is valuable. The feedback from this questionnaire is intended to be a starting point of discussion, and will help ensure that our first meeting is productive and efficient. With the information you provide I can begin to understand what you want and explore preliminary ideas.

This questionnaire covers:

- 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 are considering hiring a landscaper, greenschaper 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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QUESTIONNAIRE

ABOUT YOU...

Name _____ date _____

1. How did you find out about Garden by Design? _____
2. What are your gardening strengths?

3. How would you describe your gardening challenges?

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

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

6. 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)

7. 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

8. *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

Activities

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

Highlight & Priority

10. *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)?*

11. *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

12. *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.



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

14. 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

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

16. Favourite colours in garden/yard:

17. Colours to avoid in garden/yard:

18. Preferred plant shapes or general shapes in garden/yard:



Desirable Plants or Gardens

19. 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 ? | | |

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

21. 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.:

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

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

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

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

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