

Date

Client name

Address

Practical considerations:

Garden will serve _____ # adults, _____ # children, ages _____

pets _____ # and type

Existing Conditions:

What do you like most about your garden?

What do you like least?

What single most important thing would you change?

Checklist:

Water source (city vs. well)

Existing landscaping to remain (plants, paving, fencing, irrigation, etc.)

Any home remodeling changes planned?

Does a neighbor have any changes planned that might affect you?

How long do you intend to stay in your home?

When do you intend to use your garden (evenings, weekends, summer, fall)?

Do you have any noise issues?

Privacy issues?

Security issues?

Water issues?

Erosion or drainage issues?

Pest problems (deer, gophers, neighbor's dog)?

Allergy issues?

Any known problem soil conditions (rocky, sandy, clay, disease)?

Wind, frost, excessive shade or sun?

Underground utilities, septic, leach lines?

Do you have a desired completion date (e.g. the infamous June wedding)?

New Landscaping:

Functional elements:

What type of activities do you do (or want to do) in your garden?

1- Entertainment

Dining for _____ # of persons

Daytime _____ or Evening _____ Frequency _____

2- Recreational activities (play areas for children, bocce ball, pool, spa)

3- Other activities (reading, relaxing, gardening, bird-watching)

4- Vehicular or pedestrian access considerations (walking paths, wheelchair, etc.)

What other elements would you like to incorporate?

- 5- Specialty gardens (e.g. vegetables, herbs, fruit orchard, rose or cutting garden, woodland garden)
- 6- Patio, deck, pathways, or other paved areas (any paving preferences as well)
- 7- Lawn area
- 8- Structures (pergola, fencing, arbor, gazebo, sculpture)
- 9- Lighting
- 10- Water feature
- 11- Outdoor kitchen, barbecue, fire pit
- 12- Utility areas (garbage bins, firewood, tool shed, pet run, potting shed, greenhouse, composting, extra parking)

Garden installation: Do you plan to hire a licensed Landscape Contractor?
Or are you planning on installing the garden yourself?

Maintenance: How will the garden be maintained?

- By homeowner___
- By professional gardener___
- By maintenance co. _____
- Number of hours per week acceptable _____

Design Themes: How would you like your garden to look?

Please circle one or more of the following:

Country—colorful, mixed borders, perennials, informal layout with winding rustic paths

Asian—simple; mixed shrubs and groundcover, serene, shady, lots of green, perhaps a pond or other water feature, slate or bluestone paving

Formal—symmetrical, clipped hedges, lawns, pergolas, paths, fountains

Contemporary—architectural foliage, strong color contrasts, mass plantings

California native—Mainly California native plants, gravel or mulch paths, natural/wild

Mediterranean—drought tolerant plantings... grasses, lavender, rockroses, olive trees, rosemary, flagstone/limestone/gravel or decomposed granite paving, stone or stucco walls

Design Mood: How would you like your garden to feel?

Circle all that apply:

Private	Serene/Calming	Relaxing
Casual/Informal	Fragrant	Verdant/Lush
Formal	Symmetrical	Bold
Fun/Whimsical	Spiritual	Tropical
Woodland	Asian/Oriental	Rustic
Comfortable	Open/Expansive	Sheltered
Exotic	Flowing/Grasses	Practical
Cool	Warm	Natural/Wild

Plant preferences:

Please list any plants that you must have in your garden:

And those that you would rather not see in your garden:

What flower colors are you fond of?

Or do you particularly dislike?

Desired planting effect:

_____ *Instant gratification*

(I want large shrubs and trees for immediate effect
and don't mind spending the extra money)

_____ *Delayed gratification*

(I like to watch them grow and change and want to watch my budget)

Budget:

Most people don't want to think about this, but your budget will determine whether your garden can be installed all at once or phased in over time; it will also determine whether or not you can hire a professional landscape contractor to install and/or maintain the garden.

The selection of paving materials and the size of the plant material specified in the final plans will also be determined by your budgetary constraints.

Please circle the budget figure that is closest to what you are willing to spend:

Less than \$5000

\$5000 - \$10,000

\$10,000 - \$20,000

\$20,000 - \$50,000

\$50,000 - \$100,000

Whatever it takes