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## LANDSCAPE DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. Doing so will greatly assist us in helping you create a design specifically tailored to your individual tastes and preferences, while also ensuring that you receive the greatest value from your consultation. If a question does not apply or you have no opinion, you may leave it blank. In the interest of simplicity, we use the term “plant” or “plants” to refer to trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, grasses, etc.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO OFFER HARDSCAPE DESIGN\*\***

Client Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What kind of garden themes are you interested in? Please check your top three from the following list:**

- Native Plant Garden
- Meadow Garden
- Japanese Garden
- Formal Garden (structured)
- Cottage Garden (informal)
- Low Maintenance
- Monochromatic (i.e. a White Garden)
- Rock Garden
- Butterfly Garden
- Water Garden
- Evergreen Garden
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. How would you describe the basic characteristics of your dream garden? Check all that apply:**

- Formal and symmetrical
  - Informal or unstructured/asymmetric
- (Continued on next page)

- High density of plants (lush, very little ground showing)
- Unique or unusual types of plants
- Individual plants isolated as specimens (distinct spacing between individual plants)
- Year-round interest
- High Color impact in summer (annuals)
- Modern Look (grasses, clean lines)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Are you interested in any of the following landscape amenities? Check all that apply:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Feature	<input type="checkbox"/> Hanging Planters
<input type="checkbox"/> Arbor (metal or wood)	<input type="checkbox"/> Statuary / Yard Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Pergola	<input type="checkbox"/> Planters (ceramic, metal, clay)
<input type="checkbox"/> Trellis with vines	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorative Border / Edging
<input type="checkbox"/> Walkways	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal /Annual Planting
<input type="checkbox"/> Patio	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Fireplace/Fire Pit
<input type="checkbox"/> Walls	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4. Are there any functional requirements of your landscape? Check all that apply:**

- Screening/Privacy
- Shade
- Noise Control
- Children
- Pets
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**5. How would you describe the light conditions of the area that you are interested in designing/redesigning?**

- Shade (2 hours or less direct sun per day, no afternoon sun)
- Partial Shade (Up to 4 hours of morning sun, no afternoon sun)
- Partial Sun (Full morning sun is fine, maximum 2 hours of afternoon sun)
- Full sun (Direct sun all day or full afternoon sun)

**6. What is your single favorite color in the landscape? \_\_\_\_\_**

a. What colors/color combinations would you like to include in your landscape?  
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b. Are there any colors to avoid? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are there any specific areas or views in your yard that you want to block or hide? (please list)

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8. Are there any specific plants or flowers that you would like to have in your landscape? (please list)

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9. Are there any specific plants or flowers that you would like to avoid? (please list)

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10. Do you presently have an irrigation system? Y / N

11. Please indicate which of the following plant/hardscape characteristics you prefer. Mark one or two items within each area of focus:

### PLANT VARIETIES

Common Plant Varieties - readily available, faster growth in many cases, long history of performance

Uncommon Plant Varieties - unique, interesting, new varieties, in certain instances more difficult to find & estimate

Use Native Plants whenever possible - good for our environment & wildlife, self-sustainable, in many instances are less showy or tidy due to lack of directed hybridization, sometimes more difficult to find in smaller sizes

Create a well-balanced mix between the unique and the familiar, in essence letting personal interests in individual plants dictate the overall mix

### SEASONALITY

Mostly Evergreen Plants - more winter interest, less flowers, more consistent year-round appearance, lends a more formal appearance, many ornamental grasses provide winter interest as well

Mostly Deciduous Plants - less winter interest, more spring/summer/fall appeal, spectacular flowers, lends a softer, more natural appearance, may seem barren in winter

A mix of Evergreen and Deciduous Plants

### AESTHETICS

Plants primarily grown for their flowers - slightly higher maintenance in certain instances, long bloom time for many varieties

Plants primarily grown for their foliage – typically lower maintenance, flowers may be insignificant or non-existent, foliage color or texture is the primary aesthetic

A well-balanced mix of plants grown for their flowers and their foliage.

## **LARGE SHADY OR EXPOSED AREAS**

\_\_\_ Groundcover - lower long-term maintenance, less water (many xeric options available), no mowing

\_\_\_ Lawn - higher long-term maintenance and cost (mowing, watering, fertilizing), suited for wide variety of activities

## **MULCH / COVER**

\_\_\_ Rock - longest life, wind and erosion proof, can be difficult to clear debris, difficult to add plants

\_\_\_ Wood mulch – numerous colors and textures to choose from, wind and erosion resistant, adds nutrients to soil and holds moisture. New layer is recommended every 1-2 years

\_\_\_ No mulch - high likelihood of ongoing weed problems. Groundcover plantings or hardscape is recommended if no mulch is used.

## **LANDSCAPE EDGING**

\_\_\_ Rock/stone edging - longest life, attractive, natural appearance

\_\_\_ Vinyl garden edging – long life, composite, blends into the landscape, no sharp edges for little feet or paws

\_\_\_ Aluminum edging - long life, simple, formal appearance, maintains clear boundaries between lawn and gardens

\_\_\_ No edging - easiest to mow next to, must be redefined on an ongoing basis, may have issues with grass encroaching from adjacent lawn areas

## **ACCENT ROCKS / BOULDERS**

\_\_\_ Incorporate natural rock into the landscape - attractive, natural appearance, provides additional interest between plantings groups/areas

\_\_\_ No accent rocks - may seem barren in winter, can always be added in subsequent phases

**12. Do you have dogs in your backyard? Y / N**

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

**13. Do you have any utilities (i.e. gas, electric) or other non-utility items (i.e. landscape lighting wire, irrigation tubing) buried in your yard? Y / N**

a. If Yes are you aware of their exact location? Y/N

**14. Have you ever hired a professional landscape service to install a landscape in the past? Y/N**

- a. Were you satisfied with the results of their work? Y/N
- b. If No, what were your primary issues/complaints?

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- c. If Yes, what did you particularly like about their service?

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**14. Would you be interested in adding/incorporating flower pots, window boxes, built-in planters, or using your existing planters for seasonal color and appeal? Y/N**

If interested, please check any option that applies:

- Interested in container design and planting.
- Interested in colorful bulbs for spring interest and appeal.
- Interested in colorful annuals for summer interest and appeal.
- Interested in colorful perennials for fall interest and appeal.
- Interested in evergreen arrangements for winter/holiday interest and appeal.

**15. We would like to help you achieve your landscaping goals within your desired budget range. Please check the box below that best matches what you would like to budget for your project. This information will enable us to better focus on your specific needs during the consultation and design process.**

- \$1000 to \$5000
- \$5000 to \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$15,000
- \$15,000 to \$30,000
- \$30,000 to \$50,000
- \$50,000 to \$100,000
- Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**16. Do you have any other notes or comments you would like to add?**

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Thank you for taking the time to fill this out. Having this information will help us deliver your dream garden. We truly look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,  
The Landscapers Depot Design Team

Completed questionnaires can be e-mailed to: [Richard@Landscapersdepot.com](mailto:Richard@Landscapersdepot.com)