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Design Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to get required information for our designers to lay out a custom landscape design. All the information provided will be held in strict confidence and is used exclusively to provide a blue print that takes care of your needs and addresses the site conditions. You can copy paste this questionnaire and create more spaces as required to answer the questions. Please feel free to add your remarks and or notes wherever you think appropriate.

Contact Information

Name (s) _____

Property Address (include cross street) _____

Landline _____ **Cell** _____ **Email** _____

(Indicate best time and phone # to reach during the day and evening)

How did you hear about us? _____

Computer & Internet Connections for Online/virtual meetings:

- 1) What types of internet connection do you have? DSL__ Cable__ Dial up__
- 2) Type of computer? PC__ Macintosh__
- 3) Do you have access to PC?

Family Details:

- 1) List family members and their hobbies/outdoor activities which influence landscape use.

- 2) Do you like to grow your own organic vegetables & fruits & do you need raised veggie beds?
- 3) Please specify plant material that anyone in the family is allergic to?



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- 4) Do you have any **pets** that might require a special area or run or enclosure?
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Based on your lifestyle, what type of garden style do you prefer? (informal, formal, oriental, English country etc) which ties with the **architectural style** of your home?

Which are the most frequently used rooms in your home and what are the views from the windows?

Your Site Conditions

1. Do you have any base plan/house plans/ site surveys or other property information? If so, in what format (CAD/hand drawn)
2. Approx. size of the property & site characters (Urban/suburbs, natural or city)

3. Is your house in an unincorporated area? If so, which county?
4. Any HOA Restrictions?
5. Are there any views that need to be preserved or screened? If yes, Please elaborate

6. Problem areas- drainage issues, steep slopes, erosion, shallow soil, excess wind or sun ? If so, please describe?

7. Are you aware of any easements, right of ways, or leach lines/septic tanks on the property? If yes, please describe _____
8. How is your city water pressure? Are there problems like salt content in the water?

9. Are there any deer, gophers, moles, ground squirrels or other pests on your site? Which one? Please specifically describe your situation

10. What are the **natural features** on the property that you would like to emphasize?

Driveway, Front Entry & Utility areas

1. Does your driveway need repaving?
2. Is your driveway enough for your family and sufficient for guest parking?
3. Do your fences need replacing? Front, Back or sides? Height restrictions?



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4. What architectural elements of your home do you find most appealing?

5. How would you like your front entry? Open, or more enclosed and private?

6. What type of walkway exists? Is it wide enough to be welcoming and with a pleasing shape?

7. Do you need any other major walkways or paths to create easy access?

8. What type of paving material (concrete, stone, brick, gravel, pavers) do you prefer?

9. Where do you want your garbage cans located? Do you want enclosure?

10. Please list the current problems in the **front yard** which you think should be minimized or overcome in the design:

Functional:

Visual:

11. Please list all the positive elements and qualities of the **front yard** which should be retained or enhance in the design:

Functional: _____

Visual: _____



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Desired Site Character:

- 1) Do you plan to entertain guests in your new landscape? If so, what is the maximum number of guest anticipated? _____
- 2) Please describe how you think your site should look (formal, wooded, natural/informal, Mediterranean, classic garden/cottage, English country, serene, California native etc:

- 3) Please list any favorite plants & materials that you would like us to use:

- 4) Please list any plants & materials you do not want us to use on your site

- 5) What colors do you like? (warm or cool colors)_____

- 6) What hardscape materials are you interested in using?

Flagstone Fieldstone Boulders Colored Concrete Brick Cobble
Other (if other, please describe) _____

Designer & Maintenance choices

- 1) Do you have a preference for your designer?
- 2) Maintenance: Do you wish to maintain the garden yourself or want to engage a gardener?

Pools, Spas & Sport Courts:

- 1) If you would like a pool, do you want an automatic cover? Yes ___ No ___

- 2) If you want a spa, should it be in-ground or portable?

- 3) Would you like sports court or play area? Yes ___ No ___

- 4) If you want a sports court, what kind would you like?_____



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Entry Piers & Gates

- 1) Would you like entry piers and an automatic gate? Yes ___ No ___
- 2) Do you want lights in your piers? Yes ___ No ___

Additional Structures:

1. Would you like an arbor for shade in the landscape? Yes ___ No ___
2. What other elements are you interested in? ___Deck ___Fire Pit ___Fountain ___Pond
3. If you want a custom barbecue, what type of appliances do you want in it? ___Refrigerator ___Sink ___Rotisserie ___Storage
4. Do you want low voltage lighting installed? ___Yes No ___
5. Is there any particular area you want lighted? ___Yes No ___

Budget:

- 1) Please check the budget range you have to accommodate the construction of your new landscape:

___<\$40k ___\$40k-\$80k ___\$80k-\$120k ___\$120k-\$175k ___\$175k-\$250k ___>\$250k

- 2) Please describe any other special considerations we should know about in designing your landscape:_____

Thank you for answering the questionnaire. Please email this questionnaire to HORTUSDESIGN@YAHOO.COM