

## DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE

Garden Secrets believes that the best way to understand what you want is to collect as much information ahead of time. This completed questionnaire, along with information that we collect from your property and additional research enables us to draw up a site analysis, which is an important part of the design process.

This analysis is designed so that we may derive a general concept of your property. Your lifestyles and tastes are all taken into consideration when developing a conceptual design. The questions below are meant to provoke thought regarding the use and ultimate vision you have for your property. The information you provide will help define your goals and help us create a custom garden design that meets your specific needs. All information you provide will be held in strict confidence. Please feel free to answer as many or as few of the questions as you see fit and make additional comments or notes wherever you think it would be helpful to do so. Thank you in advance!

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- List any hobbies/interests that influence the use of your property? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have any pets? If so how many, name, dog or cat? Do they require a special area or place to run? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have a woodpile or compost pile that needs to be moved? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is there any area(s) where snow is always piled? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you plan on selling your home within the next 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_
- Lot size (if known)? \_\_\_\_\_
- When are you hoping to start your project? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have a specific date the project needs to be completed by? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you anticipate completing your landscape project all at once or in phases? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have a budget for your project? If you're unsure, please estimate a budget figure that is closest to what you are willing to spend. It is a very helpful guide for planning your needs and needs and goals. \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHILDREN'S AREA**

- Do you need a place to store play toys? \_\_\_\_\_

### **ENTERTAINING**

- Do you entertain frequently? If so, how many guests do you usually entertain (5, 10, 15+)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have outdoor lighting? If not, would you like outdoor lighting? \_\_\_\_\_

### **MAINTENANCE**

- Do you have a sprinkler/irrigation system? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many hours a week would you like to spend maintaining your garden? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you like spending time gardening or prefer less maintenance? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you plan on installing the landscape yourself, do you need help or a combination? \_\_\_\_\_
- Would you need help maintaining your landscape after the project is complete? \_\_\_\_\_

## **COLOR AND PLANT PREFERENCE**

- Do you have specific color preference? (Pastels, hot colors, blues, lavenders)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Likewise, are there any colors you would prefer to avoid or absolutely do NOT want in your garden? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have any plants/combinations you don't want in your garden? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Do you have any favorite plants (trees, shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses, etc.) that you would like us to incorporate? \_\_\_\_\_

## **GARDEN STRUCTURES/ACCESSORIES**

- Do you want to incorporate or have any existing garden furniture or decor that you want incorporate in your design (birdbath, sculpture/trellis, doghouse, storage shed, compost bin etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS**

- Are there any views or neighbors that need to be screened/added privacy? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have any issues with wildlife or pests (i.e. deer or rabbit browsing)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any wind problems? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any drainage problems? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any soil problems? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any areas you really like or dislike in your front yard? Any Problems? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any areas you really like or dislike in your backyard? Any Problems? \_\_\_\_\_
- What areas of your property would you like to modify or improve (front, sides, back, all areas)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any existing features or plants you would like us to work around? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any underground pipes, utility lines or easements that we need to be aware of on your property? If yes, where are they located? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is there is any further insight that you can provide or special considerations we should know about designing your landscape? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you have any pictures from a magazine or website, something that shows your dream landscape or certain features you would like to have on your property, please include them with this questionnaire.

### **→ Please circle any options that you would like incorporated into your landscape design:**

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|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| ◇ Perennials         | ◇ Ground Covers | ◇ Annuals         | ◇ Bulbs    |
| ◇ Trees              | ◇ Shrubs        | ◇ Ornament Trees  | ◇ Birdbath |
| ◇ Ornamental Grasses | ◇ Vegetables    | ◇ Containers      | ◇          |
| ◇ Herbs              | ◇ Compost Bin   | ◇ Fruit Trees     | ◇          |
| ◇ Trellis            | ◇ Rain Barrel   | ◇ Stepping Stones | ◇          |

→ **What design styles do you tend to prefer or perhaps a blend of two? (circle 2-3 choices):**

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|--|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary      | <input type="checkbox"/> Formal    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Flowers        | <input type="checkbox"/> Fragrant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodlands/Natural | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> Shade              | <input type="checkbox"/> Annuals    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought Tolerant  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollinator         | <input type="checkbox"/> Perennials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rose              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cottage   | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck Side          | <input type="checkbox"/> Native     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock              | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairy     | <input type="checkbox"/> Colorful           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hillside   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water             | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife  | <input type="checkbox"/> Informal/Whimsical |                                     |

→ **Circle your preference(s) for design shapes (circle 1-2 choices):**

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Symmetrical  | <input type="checkbox"/> Curves  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rectangle/Square | <input type="checkbox"/> Oval/Round   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Shape | <input type="checkbox"/> L-Shape | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean & Defined  | <input type="checkbox"/> Custom/Other |